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## Ross to present new peace proposals

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is hopeful that the upcoming trip to the region by special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross will spur a resumpnon of negotiations, but cautioned that the Israeli-Palestinian gap

Weizman-Arafat meeting?,

Renewing security cooperation, initiating final-status talks, and resuming discussions on implementing the interim agreements are the three components of the American package for salvaging the peace process, a senior US official said Friday.

The US wants each side to rebuild the other's trust in the process, he said. For the Palestinian Authority, that means resuming security ties, while Israel is expected to take "no unilateral actions" in Jerusalem and the territories, presumably meaning further construction

The rebuilding of trust is necessary due to the "breakdown" in relations between the sides, he

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In his briefing Friday, acting State Department spokesman John Dinger said Ross is "going out there to see what steps the parties are willing to take to try and ... restore confidence, get the process back on track.

This is a long-term process, as we all know. And this is one stage in a long-term process," Dinger

Ross and the US peace team, including State Department and National Security Council officials, will be returning just two weeks after their most recent mission. This visit, to begin tomorrow, will likely include only Jerusalem and Gaza. The US will then decide on what further steps

For now, the official said, restoring security cooperation and resuming interim arrangements may have to suffice, since getting to final-status talks is seen to be

unlikely soon. Renewing security cooperation should not, in any case, be a precondition to other negotiations, he

With the now-two-month break in talks that began with the start of construction in Har Homa, the US is concerned that the stalemate could continue until "there is an explosion" on the political or security levels that would create an even greater crisis - "something like what we saw in September, or in February-March 1996," the official said, referring to the fighting following the Western Wall Tunnel exit opening, and the series of suicide bomb-

Complicating the US's attempt to find a formula to resume the Israeli-Palestinian dialogue is the administration's continued inability to discern what Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's strategy is regarding relations with the Palestinians and his approach to final-status negotiations, the offi-

cial said. Also Friday, the State Department reissued an alert to Palestinian-Americans to acquire the proper documentation before traveling to the territories via

Dinger offered the suggestion -Friday, saying that Palestinian-Americans have encountered difficulty transiting Gaza and the West Bank through Israel.





British Prime Minister Tony Blair waves as he arrives at No. 10 Downing Street on Friday following his landslide victory. (Rester)

# Blair takes Britain's helm

**News agencies** 

LONDON - Britain's Labor Party has won its greatest-ever victory and Tony Blair didn't waste any time yesterday starting to do something bis party hasn't done in a generation.

Even though it was the start of a three-day boliday weekend, Blair arrived at 10 Downing St. and started making final decisions on the rest of bis cabinet. One of his first moves after becoming prime minister was to name seven key members.

Throughout the morning, senior Labor figures arrived at 10 Downing St. Several walked away with cabinet positions. including Mariorie Mowlam in the key post as Northern Ireland secretary and George Robertson as defense secretary.

"For 18 years, 18 long years, our party has been in opposi-tion," Blair declared Friday as he took possession of 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official residence. It could only say, it could not do. Today we are charged with the deep responsibility of government. Today enough of talking, it is time now to do."

And time is short. Labor bas just over a week before it sets out its legislative program at the formal opening of parliament. Within six weeks, Blair faces

an important European Union summit, his first test in an arena where his predecessor. John Major, was often isolated, and another summit of G-7 leaders

in Denver. Britain's future in Europe is expected to be a key issue in the

next five years. Labor adopted the defeated Conservative Party's wait-andsee policy on joining a single European currency. Internal squabbling over European integration badly divided the Tories and was a key factor in the



# **ELECTIONS**

party's trouncing at the polls. The Financial Times reported that Blair has offered Sir David Simon, chairman of British Petroleum, the position of minister for Europe and a scat in the unelected House of Lords. Simon was not among yesterday morning's visitors.

British Petroleum said Simon was talking to Blair but nothing had been decided.

"He would very much like to be involved in the shaping of the UK's relationship with its European partners but also to continue as chairman of BP. He will be considering over the next few days if it is possible to do both of these things," a BP spokesman said, speaking anonymously.

Blair spent his first night as prime miniater in his home in the Islington area of north London with his wife, Cherie Booth, and three young children. Booth got a rude awakening yesterday morning to the perils of being the prime minister's wife. When a policeman knocked, she opened the door in a short nightshirt and suddenly realized that photographers across the street were snapping away. She quickly backed away behind the door, and a man delivering flowers went inside. He also brought in the moming

Blair is the first prime minis- candidates to rush forward. Labor's Ramsay MacDonald in the 1920s. The living quarters above the prime minister's official offices at 10 Downing are small, and a Downing Street

spokesman said the Blairs had inspected the area Friday and decided it was not really suitable for family living. The Blairs are considering living next door at 11 Downing St., usually the bome of the chancellor of the exchequer,

which is more spacious, the spokesman said, but no decision has been made. Gordon Brown, the treasury chief, is a bachelor. Major resigned as Conservative party leader as he stood outside 10

Downing St. for the last time. He'll remain an ordinary backbencher in a shrunken and divided Conservatives began jockey-ing for the leadership although

only former chancellor of the exchequer Kenneth Clarke has announced that he will be a can-

Former Tory cabinet minister Sir Norman Fowler, one of only 165 Conservatives to win seats in the new Parliament said the party needs time to recover from the huge defeat and there was "no hurry"for leadership

of opposition are very difficult," be told BBC Radio 4. "You need a tough leader - someone who ean do successful battle in the House of Commons twice a week and someone who can develop policy at the same time." Former deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine. who suffered a heart attack in 1993, was hospitalized with angina pain. He announced that he would not be a candidate to replace Major as Conservative Party leader.

Blair's cabinet appointments included John Prescott, a blunt-speaking former ship's steward, as deputy prime min-Economist Gordon Brown became chancellor of the exchequer, promising fiscal, if not political, conservatism. Other key appoint-ments included Robin Cook as foreign and commonwealth secretary, Clare Short in charge of dispensing Britain's foreign aid as secretary for international development, Harriet Harmon as social security secretary, Lord Irvine as Lord Chancellor, and Britain's first blind minister, David Blunkett as education secretary. Blair named five women

### Netanyahu congratulates Blair

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu sent a telegram to British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Friday, congratulating him on his "stunning election victory."
"We seem to be at an historic point in which a new generation

is assuming power in many countries," Netanyahu wrote. "I have no doubt that you will add great energy and vigorous leadership to the political life of Great Britain and Europe and that your stewardship will have a lasting impact on world affairs." Jerusalem Post Staff

# Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day begins tonight

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day begins tonight with a state ceremony at Yau Vashem in Jerusalem, to be attended by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and other dignitaries. The ceremony, which begins at 8, will be televised on

In an effort to further educate Israelis about the Holocaust, IDF soldiers will be entering the names of victims into the computers at Yad

Vashem, the IDF Spokesman said.

The project, organized jointly by Yad Vashem and the Education Corps, is aimed at computerizing the names of all who perished in spokesman said.

the Holocaust, using the forms filled out by relatives and acquaintances over the years. "The participation of soldiers in this

national mission is bringing them closer to an awareness of the Holocaust and its significance and the IDF sees the project as an important educational endeavor," the

# Bentsur: No terms to Syrian talks

# Levy meets EU envoy today

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and news agencies

Israel bas rejected a recent Syrian offer to renew peace talks, because it included as a precondition the government's agreeing to a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, a senior official said yesterday.

Foreign Minister David Levy is to discuss ways of resuming the negotiations with Syria with European Union peace talks envoy Miguel Moratinos, who was to arrive from Damascus last

formulas to resume talks, which were relayed to the government by Moratinos, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur revealed yesterday.

However, each proposal included a demand that Israel could not accept, and therefore the government rejected all three proposals, he said. Bentsur was speaking at a question-and-answer forum in Rehovot, where he was interviewed by former Davar editor

Hannah Semer. Bentsur, who is also to anend Levy's meeting with Moratinos today, said one of the Syrian proposals was based on Resolution 242, but included a demand for a detailed breakdown of the resolution according to the Syrian interpretation, i.e. an Israeli commitment for complete withdrawal from the Golan. Israel, of

course, rejected this demand, Bentsur said.

Bentsur said the final communique of the recent Malta Conference included a call by the 27 member states for negotiations between Syria and Israel to be resumed on the basis of the Madrid Conference. announcement was formulated with the consensus of all the

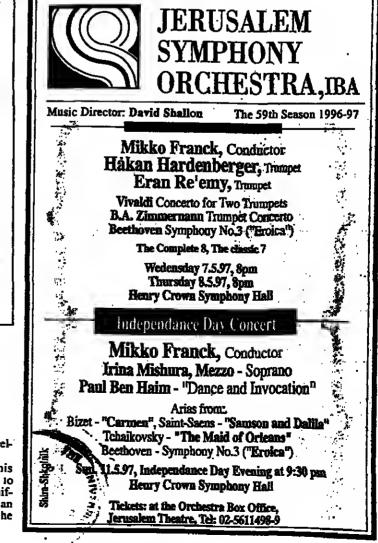
states at the conference, including Syria. Bentsur pointed out that the announcement was in keeping with a proposal Levy made three months ago that was rejected at Syria recently proposed three the time by the Syrians. He suggested this might provide an opening for a bridging formula that would enable the resump-

tion of negotiations. The possibility of resuming talks with Syria on the basis of the Madrid Conference is expected to be discussed by Levy, Bentsur, and Moratinos at

their meeting today. Under the Labor government, the sides appeared on the verge of a Golan-for-peace deal, but it was never finalized. The Netanyahu government opposes a complete Golan pullout.

Bentsur told Israel Radio yesterday that Israel is open to renewing the peace talks based on the Madrid model, which imposed no preconditions on

Netanyahu participated in the Madrid Conference as deputy foreign minister.



in brief

#### Haredim try to block Rehov Bar-llan

Hundreds of haredim tried to block traffic on Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday, hut they were forced off the Jerusalem thoroughfare hy police. Several haredim also threw bottles onto the road. One man was arrested on suspicion he attacked a policeman.

#### 1 dead, 21 injured on roads

A foreign worker was killed and 21 people were injured - six seriously - in road accidents over the weekend.

The man was killed late Friday night near the Lod interchange on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway when be tried to cross the road on his hicycle and was hit by a car.

Earlier Friday, a four-car pile-up on Rehov Yigal Yadin in Jerusalem left 11 people injured, one of them seriously. Two women were seriously injured yesterday in a head-on collision near Ness Ziona.

Eight people were hurt, three seriously, in three different accidents in the Sharon area. Last week, up to noon on Friday, 12 people were killed and 14 seriously injured in road accidents.

#### Boy killed by shell in firing zone

A 14-year-old Beduin boy was killed when a shell he picked up in an IDF firing zone in the Tel Arad area exploded. The boy's family had been looking for him since the morning, and found him dead at 2:30 p.m. Police arrived on the scene and took parts of the shell for laboratory analysis.

#### Two Hebron stonethrowers lightly wounded

Several dozen Palestinian youths stoned IDF troops in the center of Hebron on Friday morning. Soldiers dispersed the rioters with tear gas and rubber hullets.

Palestinian sources reported that two youths were lightly wounded in the exchange.

#### Sanctions by gov't workers continue

Disruptions in 15 government ministries are to continue today, with workers refusing to receive the public, answer phones, or send mail and faxes.

Interior Ministry workers will not issue passports or identity cards, and the Transport Ministry's Licensing Bureau will oot give tests in driving theory or issue car registrations.

The workers are protesting what they say is the Treasury's delay in putting through a wage increase. The Treasury insists what the workers are demanding contravenes their signed wage

The Treasury is to decide today whether to take legal steps to force the workers to resume their regular duties.

#### Egypt rejects US offer to deport Abdel-Rahman

The US offered to deport to Egypt Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, a Moslem cleric jailed for plotting to blow up New York landmarks, but Cairo rejected the proposal, the Londonbased Al-Hayat reported yesterday.

Abdel-Rahman, 58, was sentenced to life in prison in 1995 for conspiring to blow up landmarks, including the World Trade Center and the UN.

Abdel-Rahman is widely believed to be the spiritual leader of the Islamic Group, a militant group fighting to topple the secular government of President Hosní Muharak.

Reuter

#### Ray Charles cancels Lebanon concerts

US singer Ray Charles canceled two summer concerts in Lebanon after the US State Department advised him against making the trip, the organizing committee said yesterday.

The State Department cited its decade-old ban on Americans traveling to Lebanon, an official of the Beiteddine Festival's organizing committee said.

The committee received a letter Friday from Charles' agents in the US canceling the July 25-26 concerts in the summer resort of Beiteddine, 60 kilometers southeast of Beirut, the official

With great sorrow we announce the death of our beloved mother and grandmother

#### **LUCIANA JARACH**

The funeral will leave from Beit Hahesped, Givat Shaul Cemetery, Jerusalem, Sunday, May 4, 1997, at 2:30 p.m.

Her children: Mirelia Bamberger, Federico and Etic Jarach,

> Marina Siev, Dina and Gaby Lehman, Renato and Judith Jarach Grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Shiva at 20 Radak St., Rehavia, Jerusalem

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved

#### ALAN (ILAN) BARZEL

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, May 4, 1997, at the Ramat Hasharon Cemetery at 4:30 p.m.

His wife: Monika Barzel (née Friedman) His daughter: Miriam Rotman and her family His son: Guy Barzel and wife, Orly Families: Hare, Friedman, Rotman, Lavid

We sadly announce the death of our beloved

#### **MIRA SANDOR**

(née Hoffmann) The funeral will take place today, Sunday, May 4, 1997, at 12:00, at the Brosh Gate, Kfar Samir.

Please refrain from visiting.

Edna and Dr. Shlomo Carmel

# Thousands rally for state inquiry

### Demonstrators demand investigation into Bar-On Affair

#### By URIEL HEILMAN

Thousands of people turned out for a mass rally at the Wohl Rose Garden opposite the Knesset last night, demanding the establishment of a state commission of inquiry into the Bar-On Affair.

Ray Elbaz, 21, one of the demonstration organizers, called upon "young and old, Right and Left, religious and secular, Sephardim and Ashkenazim" to unite in the pursuit of justice.

Producer Yigal Goren, a former Israel Television reporter who worked with a group of young people to coordinate the event, said, "This event has significance for the entire political spectrum. We will step up the pressure; this is just the beginning." Last night's demonstration was the culmination of an effort that began on April 22, when hundreds, including former attorneygeneral Michael Ben-Yair, gathered opposite the Knesset to demand a state commission of inquiry into the Bar-On affair. Since then, small groups of protesters have been at the Wohl Rose Garden, holding a vigil 24 hours a day and soliciting signatures on a

petition demanding the inquiry. Elbaz, who spearheaded the protest with Dani Zarzewsky, explained that every clti-

"Netanyahu was chosen in a democratic way," said Elbaz, "but here things were done that were just not right."

"If they behave this way with regard to the appointment of the attorney-general, how will they make decisions tomorrow regarding Hebron, the economy, and other things?" said Orii Marom, who has been volunteering at the protest every day since it began. "As concerned youth, this fright-

Elbaz explained that recent events propelled him to action. The Bar-On Affair was the red line for me; I was just seeing too much corruption in the government," he said. His frustration reached its breaking point when the prime minister responded as if the anomey-general's report had conclu-sively proved his innocence.

The protest, Elbaz said, ensures that "the prime minister won't sleep well at night. This should at least let him know that his nation is disgusted by him."

The day after the protest began, the volunteers' efforts were joined by Goren, who provided technical assistance to the campaign. By the morning after the initial

zen should demand the commission of inquiry be set up to ensure the integrity of the nation's leaders.

demonstration, Goren had arranged for a tent to be set up at the site, procured the necessary permits for the protest, set up a bank account for the thousands of shekels flowing in to the campaign, and got individuals and companies to supply the volun-teers with cellular phones, suckers, posters,

and food. Since then, support for the protesters' demands have come from all ends of the political spectrum. While most of the youth coordinating the protest are affiliated with the Left, supporters have come from across the political spectrum, including Shas. Several MKs, including Shimon Peres, Ehud Barak, and Yossi Sarid, have

signed the petition, and the petition has

also been circulating with the help of vol-

unteers in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba,

Holon, and Ashdod, who set up protest

booths in each of those cities. Some

70,000 signatures have been collected so far. Elie Eidelman, a volunteer who has spent several hours every day at the protest site said, "Even if the protest doesn't help now, at least it will help make integrity an issue

in the next elections." "Our task was to bring the issue to public awareness," said Elbaz. "Now it is in the hands of the citizens. This is the spark that

should ignite the fire."

Sarah Honig adds: Labor leadership candidate MK Ephraim Sneh complained yesterday that he had been "ousted in a very violent, abusive manner from the Jerusalem demonstration called to back demands for a state inquiry

commission into the Bar-On Affair. Sneh said he was the first to begin circulating a petition calling for such a commission in stands he put up on Tel Aviv streets, and later sent a van around the country in collect more signatures. The sponsors of the Jerusalem petition, he claims, came after

Last night, Sneh recounts, he "came to the demonstration just as any ordinary citizen, which is my right. When TV interviewers approached, one of the organizers, Yigal Goren, strode forward menacingly and in an ugly manner tried to eject me, screaming that I am riding on his coattails and that I an trying to steal headlines at his expense and lend the effort a political air.

"He blocked TV cameramen and even covered their lenses with his hands. As a TV journalist himself, he should have known better than to behave in this unseemly violent fashion."

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### Likud blasts Labor for wanting probe

#### By SARAH HOHIG

The Likud charged last night that the campaign to establish a state commission of inquiry into the Bar-On Affair is nothing but "another hypocritical Labor-instigated attempt to bring down the government."

This is not, as presented, an independent spontaneous move by politically unaffiliated citizens. This is a very political act organized and orchestrated by the Labor Party, which clutches at this as a last-ditch effort to bring down the government, not via the ballot box," the Likud party said in a statement, in response to the demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office last oight. Communications Minister

Limor Livnat, who distanced herself from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu until the decision not to indict him, also said yesterday that "despite the pretense, it is very clear that the call for a state inquiry commissioo is a very political, partisan call. It constitutes a vote of noconfidence, if not contempt, in the decision of the state attorney the attorney-general. However, after three an intensive and exhaustive police investigation, it is hard to imagine what an inquiry commission could unearth that the police

did not." National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, however, continued his criticism of the government over the weekend.

Sharon urged that the government "draw up immediate, detailed blue prints of where it plans in go in the next moves of the Oslo process. We need to bave clear goals and cannot ad lib. This government has already used up all of the credit it had at its disposal and even its supporters want in know where it is leading us."

Sharon reiterated his longstanding opposition to direct elections system and urged that the law be amended. "I say this not because of opposition to the prime minister but out of a deep-

set conviction and principles."
Meanwhile, Third Way MK Yehuda Harel said on Channel 1 television yesterday momining that "contrary to the impression which too much political chatter may lend, elections are not around the corner. From serious talks which I had in recent days with Labor leaders, I can say without equivocation that they are not really interested in advancing the elec-

Harel called into question "just how much of an opposition Lahor is," and argued that Labor is too caught up in its internal warfare to engage io other battles.

This was disputed by Labor leadership candidate MK Ephraim Sneh, who said he was MK one of the Laborites with whom Harel met.

Just before he was turned away from last night's demonstration, lest his attendance lend it too political an image, he told reporters that he had "very plainly asked Harel what it would take until The Third Way walked out of this government. It is unthinkable that a man who joined this government and who collaborates with it. should then attack Labor for supposedly not being committed enough to fight it. Harel is speaking an untruth."

Sneh and the other three Labor leadership candidates - frontrunner MK Ehud Barak, MK Yossi Beilin and MK Shlomo Ben-Ami - may hold a debate in an upcoming installment of Channel 2's Meet the Press program.

This would be the only debate prior to the June 3 primary.



Israel, China discuss cooperation

Finance Minister Dan Meridor greets Chen Jinuha, the Chinese senior minister for social and economics planning, who arrived last week to discuss joint projects in agriculture, communications, medicine and chemical manufacturing. Chen invited Meridor to visit China in September.

### PA bans sale of land through unauthorized agents

yesterday it had banned the sale of land through unauthorized agents in order to counter expansion of

Jewish settlement The ban, affecting all of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, covers areas now beyond PA control, including eastern Jerusalem.

"In some cases where Israelis huild new settlements on Palestinian land, we discovered that Palestinian owners have sold their land to Arah or foreign deal-

The Palestinian Authority said ers working for Israeli compa-esterday it had banned the sale of nies," a PA official inld Reuters. To stop this, we are prohibiting the sales of land through [unau-

thorized] Arah or foreign dealers,"

he said of the decision taken at a PA cabinet meeting overnight. PA cabinet secretary Ahmed Abdel-Rahman said the PA would need to approve all land deals and

all real estate agents. "The leadership has ordered its security and judicial apparatus to see that the decision is implemented and to nunish anyone charged with [unauthorized] selling of land, whether directly or by facilitating the sale process, which is considered the greatest danger threatening Palestinian land," the

Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians ground to a halt and violence erupted after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu approved the start of a Jewish housing project on Har Homa, in

PA statement said.

southern Jerusalem.

# Palestinian lawyer arrested for criticizing PA legal system

By JON IMMANUEL

A lawyer working for the Palestinian Authority has been jailed in Gaza for writing an article about the Bar-On Affair that compared the PA legal system unfavorably to the Israeli system.

Jamil Salameh, who works at the Ministry of Planning, headed by Nabil Shaath, wrote the article for the Gaza Bar Association journal. But when he showed it in the journal's editors for publication, they passed it on in the public prosecutor, Khalid al-Qidrah, who ordered Salameh arrested. He was arrested last Saturday and is being held at the Gaza Central Prison.

It is the first time a writer in Gaza has been jailed hy the PA for an unpublished article.

The article expressed admiration for the way the Israel Police investigated the Bar-On Affair and commented particularly on the investigation of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Justice Minister Tzahi Haneghi.

Many articles published in the Palestinian press have said the same thing. However, Salameh went further, asking when such an independent legal system would be adopted by the PA, according to Bassem Eid of the Human Rights Monitoring Group. Eid was speaking Thursday at a forum on the media and democracy organized by the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information.

Al-Qidrah said Friday that Salameh was charged with security offenses, and that while freedom of the press was to be defended, this did not permit slander.

# US report reinforces claim Swiss kept billions in looted Nazi gold

NEW YORK (Reuter) - A long-awaited US government report will state there is conclusive evidence that the Nazis sold Switzerland gold stolen from individual Holocaust victims, sources close to the State Department said on Friday.

The sources said the 11-agency report will also show that after the war, Switzerland failed to return billions of dollars worth of looted Nazi gold it received during the war.

The sources' comments were denounced by the US official preparing the report. Under Secretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, in a statement issued by the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, said the

sources' comments were inaccurate. The sources contacted by Reuters said they stood

The Reuters story is based on pure speculation, contains inaccuracies and should be given no credence," the statement by Eizenstat said.

Eizenstat did not specify what the inaccuracies were but he cautioned that in the coming days interested parties would attempt to put their own slant on

The Swiss Embassy declined comment.
The more than 200-page report, based on 14 million pages of US government documents, was prepared under Eizenstat's direction. It is expected to be released on Wednesday, and the sources said it will be very harsh on the Swiss role in the war as bankers and even money-launderers for the Third Reich.

## Arafat, Weizman due to meet

President Ezer Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat have agreed to meet. but a date has yet to be set, Israel Radio and a Palestinian Anthority

official said yesterday. Weizman asked for the meeting," said the PA official, who confirmed the Israel Radio report. "No date has been set for the meeting. We don't expect it to take place before the end of the week." He would not elaborate on the purpose of the meeting.

Weizman's director-general, Arye Shumer, later told Israel Radio that it was the PA that had requested the meeting.

There are contacts on this issue and we are in contact with the prime minister and the Palestinian Authority in light of the request of the Palestinian Authority," Shumer

Israel Radio, quoting a senior PA official, said the meeting had been delayed for technical reasons but could take place this week.

Weizman has tried in the past to smooth relations between Israel and the PA that have been rocky since Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu took office last June. Weizman played a key role in mediating the last major breakdown between the sides when he

invited Arafat to his home for a meeting last October. Also yesterday, Arafat called on US President Bill Clinton and the world community to save the dete-

diagon

riorating peace process between Israel and the Palestinians. In a statement released early yesterday morning after a five-hoar cabinet meeting in Ramallah, Arafat said Israel's "malicious" seltlement of the West Bank and east

Jerusalem is aimed at denying the Palestinians their own state. There is no way of getting out of this crisis without an internation intervention," Arafat said in the statement.

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Texas State Troopers man a road block leading to the Davis Mountain resort Friday, as the standoff with the anti-government group the 'Republic of Texas' continues.

# Wife of rebel leader leaves Texas hideout

man leading a band of US secessionists in a weeklong standoff left their mountain hideout yesterday giving in to the pleas of her daughters. Everyn McLaren became the second person to

leave the group's so-called embassy in the Davis Mountains in two days. "I just want to tell my family back home she's out, she's safe and she's in good hands," said J.C.

Mason, Mrs. McLaren's brother. "We're delighted that Mrs. McLaren has decided to come out for her personal safety," said Laureen Chernow, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, "There are no charges against her." Mrs. McLaren's husband, Richard, the self-styled ambassador of the

believed to still be holed up. "We're not sure that other people might not want to come out," Ms. Chemow said. "That's why we're moving slowly. We're willing to wait as long as things are progressing." Stale officials

Republic of Texas, and four followers were

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) - The wife of the insist that the group must surrender to face

McLaren and four followers are charged with kidnapping and other offenses for a bostage-taking that started the siege Sunday. The hostages, both area residents, were freed in exchange for group member Robert Scheidt, who had been ailed on weapons charges.

Scheidt returned to the "embassy" but surren-

dered Friday. He faces felony charges of engaging

The Republic of Texas, which has at least three factioos, claims the state was illegally annexed by the United States and wants a sta dum on independence.

On Friday, two of Mrs. McLaren's daughters -33-year-old Lisa Rutledge and 29-year-old Julie Hopkins, both of Fort Worth - begged their moth-

"Please don't make us bring your 2 1/2-year-old grandson to your funeral," Ms. Hopkins sobbed. "Please, please don't let our mom die."

# Eritrea expels UN refugee agency

ASMARA (Reuter) - The Red Sea state of Eritrea has given the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR four days to leave the country, apparently because of a row over the repatriation of Eritrean refugees in exile.

Eritrean state television said on Friday night that UNHCR bad 48 hours to leave the country. The agency had circulated documents without authority, it added without elaboration.

Aid agency sources said later that Eritrea had extended the period to 96 hours, giving UNHCR a

respite until Tuesday.
The UNHCR chief of mission in Eritrea, Amuly Torbjornsen, declined to comment. The agency said it would comment after talks over the weekend.

The UNHCR director of operations for central, east and west Africa, Albert-Alain Peters, visiting Eritrea at the end of April, said the Eritreans were dragging their feet on repatriation and so he had raised the possibility of UNHCR abandoning responsibility for the refugees.

UNHCR figures say 145,000 Eritreans remain in refugee camps in Sudan, five years after the country became independent. In addition, there is an Eritrean urban population in Sudan.

The U.N. agency wants to bring them all home but bad relations between Sudan and Eritrea have helped to hold up the repatriation

program.
Two years ago, when the repatriation operation was halted, we had 25,000 people who had come back in the pilot program. The government says 127,000

people have come back spontaneously since then," Peters said. In December 1996 Eritrea broke a pledge to hold a technical meeting with the Sudanese government

on the repatriation. Peiers said: "We are totally ment), but we would be more behind them if they would take part in a repatriation program. They achieved independence five years ago. But still most refugees

are outside the borders. They have no more reason to be in exile." "We said (to the Eritreans) that we are a bit worried about the pace. It is time for the refugees to come back, so that the UNHCR can pull out," he added.

Under the "secession clause" evoked by Peters in his talks, all Eritreans presently holding refugee status anywhere in the world will lose that status. They will no longer be able to approach any government as refugees.

"The secession clanse...can be used when there is no further reason for refugees to fear persecution et cetera, when the refugees cease to require need as refugees, Peters said.

### North Korea slams US, South Korea

TOKYO (AP) - North Korea lashed out yesterday against the United States and South Korea as "peddling false rumors" about North Korea's refusal to negotiate about entering peace talks on a permanent settlement of the Korean War.

The North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman told Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, that the United States and South Korea have erroneously accused North Korea of turning down a proposal for the talks.

The spokesman, who was not identified, also said North Korea cannot lay aside its fear that the United States will use food aid as "as a political weapon."

North Korea is on the verge of massive famine after floods wiped out the harvest for the last two years. Red Cross officials from North and South Korea opened discussions yesterday in Beijing on emergency food aid - their first direct talks in nearly five years.

The separate discussion on the peace talks broke down last month when North Korea insisted on linking it to getting food aid and establishing diplomatic and economic relations with the United

KCNA reported yesterday that North Korea "adopted a very flexible position to agree to the pro-posed four-way talks though there were some problems." North Korea was "ready to continue negotiations on the four-way talks," KCNA said.

But it also said: "Judging from the problems raised during the joint briefing on the four-way talks and the reply briefing, it is evident that there is no confidence built for the four parties to meet right now, even if such talks may

The meeting will also address severe food shortages in commu-nist North Korea, which UN relief workers say is on the brink of catastrophic famine.

The US-South Korean proposal calls for North and South Korea to sit down to discuss a permanent peace, with the United States and China mediating. The Koreas never signed a formal peace treaty after the 1950-53 war.

# spy jailed

LONDON (AP) - A distinguished former member of the British secret service was jailed sting operation caught him trying to illegally sell a powerful pistol

Christopher Hale, 57, was one of the MI6's leading inveotors of electronic anti-terrorist devices.

Hale was arrested after police condocted an investigation in which they seot a "shopping list" of illegal arms to suspected underworld figures. The list made its way to a former

anti-terrorist commando, Robert Scott, who got Hale involved in an effort to provide a gun for someone who turned out to be an undercover policeman.

Scott, who served as a stunt man double for actor Sylvester Stallone in the 1993 film Cliffhanger, was sentenced last month to three years in prison for his role.

Judge Derek Inman of London's Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court told Hale that the revolver he banded over was a "potential killer." Hale's conviction marred what bad been an excellent career in British intelligence.

In 1995, Hale brought his Blacklight "see in the dark" camera system to Oklahoma to search for bomb survivors.

# Mandela waits for Mobutu, Kabila

By NICHOLAS KOTCH

ABOARD SAS OUTENIQUA. Congo, (Reuter) - South Africa's Nelson Mandela waited on a converted icebreaker yesterday for Zaire's ailing President Mobutu Sese Seko and rebel leader Laurent Kabila to join him for peace talks.

South African officials told reporters on the SAS Outeniqua, moored in Congo's port of Pointe Noire, that all obstacles to the onoff talks had been removed and that they should take place later yesterday.

But as the hours ticked by, Mobutu remained on land in Pointe Noire and Kabila remained in Angola's capital Luanda.

On the battlefront, Kabila's rebels drew closer to Kinshasa on several fronts, capturing Mobutu's Lisala birthplace and moving into Kenge just 200 km from the capital, witnesses and security sources

On the bumanitarian front, the UN flew home more Rwandan Hutu refugees from rebel-held northeastern Zaire, taking the total repatriated in the airlift to 3,902, but torrential rain added to the woes of thousands stuck in makeshift camps.

"All the outstanding problems

African deputy foreign minister Aziz Pahad told reporters on the SAS Outeniqua, moored in Congo's port of Pointe Noire.

"Both parties are now satisfied that all the necessary arrangements have been made and sometime this afternoon the meeting will take place," he said.

Kabila, who remained in Angola's capital Luanda while Mandela and Mobutu sailed into international waters to meet him, criticised security and negotiating arrangements.

"If we wanted to we could win this militarily in two weeks. Suggestions that I am stalling

for time are ridiculous. I am interested in finding a peaceful solution to the problem," he told a news conference in Luanda.

A report that he had left Luanda yesterday moming for the talks was premature, South African and Angolan officials said.

South African officials said security on the Outeniquo would be tightened to meet Kabila's concerns, with particular attention to Mobutu's bodyguards and the size of delegations.

"We have got sufficient security measures," Pahad said. Mobutu boarded the Russian-

built Outeniqua in Pointe Noire

have been resolved," South with great difficulty on Friday, Unable to climb 31 steep steps, he was driven on board five hours late up a make-shift ramp.

Aged 66 and suffering from prostate cancer, he is one of Africa's most enduring strongmen, backed during the Cold War by the United States as a bulwark against Soviel communism.

He has dominated Zaire since seizing power in 1965 but his illness and the whirlwind rebel offensive have weakened his grip on the former Belgian colony.

Kabila's rebels, who took up arms in October, now control around three quarters of Zaire.

Mobutu aides say talks will focus on a peaceful transition with elections open to all. They reject suggestions that the meeting is a face-saver to allow him to stand down with dignity.

Kabila, 56, says Mobutu must go and has refused to declare a truce for the talks. "There can be no ceasefire or indeed elections in this country until Mobutu and all he represents is removed and thrown away," he said this week.

The United States, France, Belgium and Britain have troops across the Zaire River in Congo's capital Brazzaville to evacuate their nationals from Kinshasa if

# Guatemala rebels turn in last of weapons

SACOL, Guatemala (Reuter) -After 36 years of war, former rebels shouted triumph and sobbed goodbyes as they laid down the last of their weapons late on Friday in the Sacol disarmament camp in Guatemala's northern jungle.

More than 3,000 rebels bave been living in eight different camps for three months, disarming under terms of a peace treaty signed on

Dec. 29 between the government and the leftist Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit.

This is the definitive end of the war. They can rejoin their loved ones and live as citizens with full rights and obligations," Raquel Zelaya, who heads a governmentcivilian commission to oversee compliance with the accords, said during a closing ceremony at Sacol

The December treaty, which took five rocky years to negotiate, marked the end of one of Latin America's most drawn-out wars.

The guerrillas promised to give up their weapons in the peace accords. The army bas pledged to cut its ranks by one third, give up its police role and to shut down sever-

Murphy said. "I love my wife and

I'm not gay. I'm married with

three children. I'm not going to do

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the 1980s with a series of hit films.

including 48 Hours and the first

two Beverly Hills Cop movies in

which he played a wise-cracking

Last year's The Nutry Professor

was also a hit, and Murphy is

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### Transvestite hooker arrested after Former top taking ride with Eddie Murphy

Actor says 'I was just being a nice guy'

HOLLYWOOD (AP) - Eddie Murphy said he was just trying to be a nice guy when he picked up a undercover sheriff's deputies

Murphy was pulled over minutes after the man got into his car Friday morning. The prostitute was arrested on a warrant, but authorities said Murphy had not broken any law.

"It's not the first hooker that I've

helped out ... I've seen hookers on corners and I'll pull over and they'll go, 'Oh, you're Eddie Murphy, ob my God,' and I'll empty my wallet out to help," Murphy told television's Entertainment Tonight. "I'm just being a nice guy," he said. Murphy was followed for about

3 km by an unmarked sheriff's car that was working in a "prostitution abatement zone," said Lt. Mike Ford, a sheriff's spokesman. Atisone Seiuli, 20, of Los

Angeles was arrested on a prior warrant for prostitution and jailed in lieu of \$15,000 bail. Marty Singer, Murphy's lawyer,

said Murphy did not know that the prostitute was a transvestite. Murphy said he gave the man a lecture about the dangers of working the streets before letting him into his vehicle.



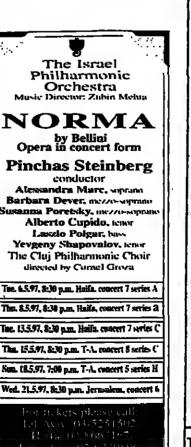
The 36-year-old Beverly Hills Cop actor said he was shocked at all the fuss, in part "because I was-



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#### BACKGROUND

# Meet Tony Blair

#### By PAUL CARREL

LONDON (Reuter) - Tony Blair. Britain's new prime minister, traded on some diverse experiences to revamp the Labor Party and lead it

Born to working-class parents on May 6, 1953. Blair profited from his father's hard work and was sent to private school and to Oxford University where he studied law. He was a lawyer before entering parliament in 1983.

As he told the Labor Party conference last October: "I wasn't born Labor, I became Labor." In an unscripted departure from that conference speech, he told how his world "felt apart" when he awoke one morning just after his 11th birthday to be told his father, Leo, had suffered a severe stroke at the age of 40.

"It taught me something: it taught me the value of the family, because my mother worked for three years to help him talk and walk again," Blair said.

"My father was a very ambitious man, he was successful, he was a go-getter," said Blair, describing the same attributes which have propelled him to 10 Downing Street, the prime minister's resi-

Blair's father abandoned his socialist roots and stood as a Conservative for parliament. Only when Blair scrapped the Labor Party constitution's Clause Four. which specified the that state should own the means of production, did he rejoin Labor.

If his parents taught him the virtues of hard work, Blair occasionally strayed from the path. At Oxford University he drifted. lacking purpose and direction. until he met Peter Thouson, then a 36-year-old Australian theology student.

"Beyond getting a degree, I don't think he really knew what he was doing at Oxford," Thomson

Blair's mother Hazel died of cancer when he was 21. The young student realized that life was tenuous and he had to channel his energies if he was to achieve any thing.

Thomson introduced him to his own radical brand of Christianity. During late night conversations in Thommo's room," the down-toearth Australian opened his eyes to a religious faith he could relate to. Thomson's influence has left its mark on Blair's politics.

As a mutual friend commented: "You can hear Thomson in Blair's

Blair met his wife Cherie when they were both trained lawvers working for Labor grandee Lord Irvine and developed a relaxed professional relationship.

There was no hint of romance until they played a game at an office Christmas party in 1977 which involved passing a balloon to one another through their legs.

I began to see her differently,

said Blair, "I was immensely attracted to her, not just her looks but her personality." The relation-ship blossomed and it became harder for them to conceal their emotions at work.

Finally at a clients' meeting they could not keep their eyes off each other and Irvine grew irritated until, Blair said, he snapped at him: "For goodness sake take the girl to the pub or something." The Blairs celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on March 29, a testament to the success of a relationship built on friendship and team-work.

Blair's romantic streak is intact. "I'm still excited by Cherie." he said. "I adore her still and arn deeply in love with her." The Blairs have managed to juggle the demands of their dynamic careers with the domestic pressures of bringing up a young family. They have three children.



Britain's new Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown leaves Downing Street on Friday.

# Seeds of Major's rout sown long ago

LONDON (Reuter) - Announcing his departure as Conservative Party leader on Friday, John Major still seemed buffled as to why the British people had voted his government out of office the day before.

"The economy is booming, interthe rate care low and inflation is low and memployment is falling." he and, taking his leave outside the prime minister's Downing Street

Labor had held a huge opinion poll lead for months before Major called the election on March 17. hoping the longest campaign in living memory would wear his oppo-

nents down. But the tactic failed lamentably. and all the pundits agree that by then it was probably too late. The three decisive moments came long before Major and Labor leader Tony Blair

set out on the campaign trail. 1992, just five months after the done so successfully in 1992 election victory

As speculators gambled against sterling, Major and the then Chancellor of the Exchequer Norman Lamont battled to keep the

pound in Europe's exchange rate mechanism (ERM). But although they spent 20 billion pounds (532 billion) to defend sterling and pushed interest rates briefly up to 15 percent, the pound crashed put, dealing a fatal blow to the Conservatives' image as guardians

of the economy The second crucial montent came a. April 1995, when Blair won overanelning backing to scrap Labor's treattimel, if little-honored contemitment to public ownership of the means of production in a symbolic

treak with the party's socialist past.
The final nail in the Constructives' electoral coffin was harring out in six abouths ego, when labor's economics spokesman Gordon Brown set out his tax and

-pending policies. Brown was accused of voluntarily Johning an economic strait-jacket as he promised to hold to the Conservatives' spending plans and



John Major

pledged no increase in income tax rates. But he had effectively stopped the Conservatives from using tax as The first came in September a weapon against Labor as they had and a string of seasons had passica

Labor s politicad to 20 points. Major was convinced he could eat into that in the campaign, but no

#### Final results

LONDON (Reuter) Following is a final breakdown of the number of parliamentary seats each party won: Conservatives .....165 (165 held, 178 lost) (273 held, 146 gained) Liberal Democrats.....46 (18 held, 30 gained, 2 lost)

Others 29 (21 held, 8 gained, 4 lost) Average swing to Labor from Conservatives 10.2 percent Majority for Labor - 179 Share of the vote -

Labor .......45% Conservatives ......31% Liberal Democrats .. 17%

sooner had he named election day

than sleaze reappeared. Former minister Tim Smith quit as a candidate in a row over cash payments he had received from the owner of London's up-market Harrods store Mohamed al Fayed. the protect of parliament.

anish tell on his sword in an alterript to bury the issue, but another former minister involved in the row, Neil Hamilton, refused to stand down, protesting his innocence.

With the approval of Labor and the Liberal Democrats, who withdrew their candidates, former BBC war reporter Martin Bell stood against Hamilton as an anti-sieaze candidate, ensuring the issue was placed even more prominently in

the public eve. In desperation, Major took over the election campaign. He screpped planned advertisements and delicered personal broadcasts instead hoping his reputation for honests.

But his hands-on approach merely treated confusion about the turnpaign's direction. Adventisements were cancelled, creating bad blood at Conservative headquarters and undernining morale even further. On April 18, the Conservatives launched a poster showing Tony Blair as a ventniqueist's dummy sitting on the knee of German Chancellor Helmst Kith. The arm was to show Blaze as too mesperenced a negotiation to determ

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# EU welcomes Labor victory

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Britain's European partners yesterday welcomed the Labor Party's landslide general election victory and expressed hope a new government under Ton; Blair would be an easier partner in European integration.

Farther afield, President Clinton congratulated Labor Party leader Tony Blair on his party's victory while Asian states did the same. There was little impact in Hong Kong. due to revert to Chinese sovereignty in less than two months.

White House spokesman David Johnson said Clinton called Blair in the early hours of Friday to congratulate him on his victory.

Few tears were shed across the EU over John Major's thumping defeat, but the other 14 nations in the group were unsure whether Blair's arrival would relax Britain's prickly attitude to key issues of sovereignty.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, speaking in Bruner during an Asian tour, said the poll showed Britons did not like anti-European polemics, adding anti-EU policies could not vin votes anywhere. German Social Democrats (SPD), out of

office for almost as long as the British Labor Pany, hailed Blair's win as the start of a trend they hope will return them to power in a federal parliamentary election next year ers in onnos

Congratulations Tony Blair!" a billboard outside SPD headquarters proclaimed. But Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU't, (IGC) in Amsterdam in June."

noting the SPD had not yet named its chal-

lenger to Kohl, promptly asked who was the Tony Blair of the SPD." German editorial writers were scathing

about the defeated Conservatives, whose Euroskeptical campaign, with its anti-German overiones, offended sensitivities of

In France, which is caught in the throes of campaigning for its own two-stage parliamentary election on May 25 and June 1. President Jacques Chirac said in a message to Blair that he would be happy to meet him soon in the French capital. The invitation was informal and no dates were mentioned.

Socialist opposition leader Lionel Jospin sent Blair a brief congratulatory message saying he "rejoiced the British people had changed majority in order to change their future." The campaign slogan of France's Socialists in the country's current general election campaign is "Let's change the

future." French European Affairs Minister Michel Barnier said his country's opposition Socialists had yet to understand that their British counterparts bad won the election because they had dropped "outmoded pre-

cents" about state control of the economy. In Amsterdam, a Dutch government press statement said Prime Minister Wim Kok had In 73 weeks we'll do exactly the same. expressed the hope that the new British govemment will contribute to a positive result at the (EU's) Intergovernmental Conference

could have an immediate impact at an IGC preparatory meeting tomorrow expected to be the last before the Dutch EU presidency puts forward a draft treaty ahead of the Amsterdam summit.

The IGC, due to complete its revision of the Maastricht Treaty on European union by mid-June and streamline the bloc's institutions ahead of an ambitious eastward expansion, was anathema to the Conservatives, who feared federalism and muttered darkly arout the intervioline nation-vale.

EU Commission president Jacques Santer pointed out in a telegram of congratulations to Blair that Britain would take over the presidency of the EU in the first half of next

"Never more than now has the European Union needed strong British commitment with its unique combination of pragmatism and efficiency," bis telegram said.

Spain's conservative government said it would continue to enjoy friendly relations with Britain following Labor's landslide victory, but that Gibraltar would remain a stick-

ing point.
We shall continue with those good relations, and naturally the question of Gibraltar, which is an obstacle in that excellent relationship, for Spain, will continue as it was," national radio.

Gibraltar has been an irritant in relations between Britain and Spain for many years. Spain insists that Britain hand back the In Brussels. EU diplomats said Labor colony which it seized almost 300 years ago.

# Scotland and Wales to get their own assemblies

LONDON (AP) — Under of the country." In Britain 14st a "Tartan Tax," which would be britain's new Labor government, national electron, in 1991, the added to the taxes Scots already. Britam's new Labor government, Scotland and Wales are to get their two assemblies - a more the defeated Conservatives warn is the first step toward shattering the

United Ringdom. For now, though, Conservatives are shattered. They test their remaining seats in Sectional and Woles, as well as their leadership position, in the

wave." said defeated Welsh

Conservative Walter Sweeney. Scottish Labor lawmaker George Robertson and politicians had Tunderestimated the sheer determinumer of the people of Sonland to make a charge in the government.

Tories won 11 of 72 seats in-Sectiond and 6 of 38 in Wales.

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Even though they didn't win a seat, the Tories did get 500,000 votes, and defeated Scottish Secretary Michael forsyth said they won t give up.

Forsyth, one of seven Conservative Cabinet ministers to lose their seats, said the Scottish people "would come to know the price of Labor's failure to think through devolution plans properiv." He also announced he was bowing out of politics.

The Scottish National Party. which advocates independence, took 22 percent of the vote in Scotland and doubled its delegation in the House of Commons to

In Waies, where Labor won 34 of the 40 seats, party spokesman Ron Davies promised that devolution would be a key issue.

"Labor offered a very clear set of commitments and with this marvelous endorsement we have had, we'll be in a very strong position to deliver," Davies said. Unlike Scotland, Wales doesn't have separate legal and school

act a less powerful assembly.

Dafydd Wigley, president of Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party, said the Welsh expect Labor to deliver on devolution. The party called on Labor to issue a policy paper within a month outlining their plans for an assembly.

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### Record number of women elected to parliament

LONDON (Reutert - A record the first time. number of women will take up seats in the "Mother of Parliaments" after the Labor Party made its best ever showing in Britain's general election.

As results trickled in, the number of temale members of parliament (MPs) looked set to devote from 62 to about 120, although Westminster will remain overwhelmingly male.

"I'm pleased that there will be a real mix of MPs, with more women and younger Members of Parliament, aid Clairs Ward, who as 24 became the youngest member of the current intake. Twin sisters Angela and Maria

Eagle were also swept to Westminster on the tidal wave of support for Labor, becoming both the first twins and the first sisters to enter parliament.

Nearly 400 women had run for parliament's 659 seats in Thursday's election and their onein-four success rate means the magic 100 mark will be broken for

"It will be important that a number of women are all entering at the same time. If there is a huge chunk of women all new together, it will be easier to back each other

Society Labor, on course for a majority of close to 180 seats, had 101 of the 1997 intake, with the Conservatives, traditionally favoured by women voters, supplying 12. Others came from the Scottish National Party and the

up" said analyst Mary-Am

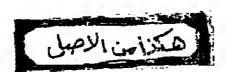
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Liberal Democrats. Before Thursday's election, women made up just 9.2 percent of the House of Commons and analysts said the scale of the new influx should finally make a dif-ference to the way business is con-Jucied at Westminster.

Currently, the corridors of power resemble a boys' school or a gentlemen's club. Women's roilets are notoriously hard to find. There is a. rifle range and 11 bars, but no creche.



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By JUDY SECEL-ITZKOVICH

ovurat Ho'Dillybillies, o CD-ROM in Hebrew, by Cinnomon Multimedio Lid. of Bnei Brak, distributed by Hed Artzi Multimedio. for children aged six to 12, NIS 159. The disk has also been translated into other languages and is sold in the US, Holland. Switzerland, Belgium. South Africa, Italy, Austria and

Roting: four-and-a-half stars out of five

Navigating your way over a barren bill on a starless night is one of the make-or-break challenges for a soldier on officer's training course. While I'm not suggesting that the army buy a truckload of these disks to improve navigational abilities, I have no doubt that children who successfully maneuver their way through this disk will hone these skills.

This completely Israeli disk is impressive for its imagination, beautiful and realisoe threedimensional animation, natural sound effects and intelligeot challenges. The story is based on eight different-shaped and -colored animals called Dillybillies. These lovable animals, which look like a cross between dinosaurs, plucked chickens and rhinoceroses, lived for many years in peace in a green valley, until man arrived and built cities and roads around the valley. wiping out the creatures' natural habitat. Your mission is to find the Dillyhillies and help them find their way home. The program is unusual in that there are oo burnans to be seen on this disk; only the creatures scamper around, each emitting a characteristic word in Hebrew.

Users are allocated a walkietalkie to keep in touch with Keren, who controls the home base. She assists them in finding their way through the program. They must navigate through seven different locations, including the shopping center, construction site, fire station, theater and train station, by clicking the mouse. Doing so, the



A CD-ROM that hones navigational skills with the aid of Dillybillies - a cross between a dinosaur and a plucked chicken.

user feels he is in actual movement, going up stairs, down escalators and through alleyways. A notebook appears, advising what objects to pick up along the way. When the necessary objects are dragged into the notebook, each Dillybilly makes his appearance. After you've rounded up all the lost creatures, you can create Dillybilly animations, change background pictures, and listen to a song meant for each one.

The result is a charming program, and children will want to go through the maze of sites over and

Psychometri 800 (1997 version), o CD-ROM in Hebrew, produced by Galsoft Ltd. and distributed by Hed Artzi Multimedia, for those

opplying to colleges and universi-ries, NIS 199. Rating: four-and-o-half stors out of five

Due to the heavy competition, applicants to colleges and universities must be a step ahead of those with whom they are vying for a place in the battle for admission. Many young people spend thousands of shekels taking intensive courses to help them pass the psychometric admissions test, which is weighed by institutions of higher learning along with their matriculatioo scores and highschool grades.

The academic institutions claim that these courses are "superfluous" and even a "waste of money." as the psychometric exams test abilities and not memorized infor-

However, everyone performs better when familiar with the form and technique used in the tests. If you can't afford a special crammer course. I'd recommend this NIS 199 disk for getting your mind into shape.

The user-friendly CD-ROM tests quantitative thinking (in the form of mathematical exercises), verbal thinking (such as clock is to time as thermometer is to temperature), and English.

Users take a preliminary exam to determine their baseline level. They can then study basic material and undergo short or fullfledged exams. There are over 3,000 questions in the program, which certainly gives users plenty

In each case, users are presented with a mulople choice of four possible answers.

If one aborts the exam, one is greeted by a screen showing a grounded airplane; if one finishes, a score is presented, comprised of percentages of success in each subject. Users may also return to each question with an incorrect answer to learn from their mistakes. In a very helpful feature, the disk automatically calculates the weakest areas and recommends which subjects require the most

The English section provides texts to read and answer questions about the material, words to fill in and phrases and short sentences that have to be matched with phrases with the same meaning. The only defects I found in the program were missing and superfluous letters in quite a few English words, for example, "bussiness," "passtime" and the "m" left out of "my." Some of the phrases to be translated are a bit stilted.

But if users don't regard the disk as the "bible" of English spelling, they would do well to go over as many exercises as they can.

More information Galsoft's products is available via Internet http://www.sababa.co.il/galsoft/.

Amai flight technicians in training.

# Amal schools pilot a new course

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

The first graduating class of the Max Fine School in Tel Aviv which in 1928 became the first in the chain known as the Amal I network - would have been amazed to see what Amal pupils are studying today. Whereas the Fine School aimed at teaching a trade to newimmigrant "Hebrew laborers," Arnal graduates today are maintaining Israel Air Force jets, programming and fixing computers, working in architecture, design, fashion, music, dance and a variety of technological fields around the country.

"We regard ourselves like Avis, No. 2 and trying harder than Hertz," iokes Dr. Haim Ilouz-Ayalon, the new chairman of the network who while doing his doctorate in social work at Yeshiva University in New York picked up this Americanism. "ORT is Hertz and Amal 1 is Avis." he explains. ORT, established in Russia in 1880 to provide vocational and agricultural training to young Jews, arrived in Israel only in 1949 and has since expanded greatly and has a white-collar image. Later, Emurah's Amit network was founded with a oumber of religious vocational schools.

But Arnal, which was for years owned by the Histadrut, was always looked upon as a non-selective blue-collar" institution teaching various vocations. Swept along with the misfortunes of the labor federation, Amal became bogged down in a NIS 6 million debt and had to implement a painful recovery pro-gram, which had brought it back into the black. Amal has distanced itself from the Histadrut and taken the name Amal 1, hinting at its intentions of becoming No. 1.

Seeking a new image, it has placed colorful, center-spread advertisements in youth papers showing good-looking, fashionable teenagers in jeans and sunglasses. It boasts a \$120 million annual budget, 50,000 pupils and students (including Arab, Beduin and Druse), 50 educational institutions and 54 adult vocational retraining centers (teaching immigrants, demobilized soldiers and the unemployed some 850 different courses in computers, electronics and other high-tech subjects) from Kiryat Shmona to Eilat, 4,000 teachers (53 percent of them men, which is unusual in schools) and other staffers, a pedagogical technological center producing CD-ROM databases for schools, and an impressive Internet site for pupils and teachers.

One of its latest "acquisitions" was the Ahva academic community college near Kiryat Malachi, with 5,000 students and 350 professorial-level lecturers. This prestigious institution gives residents of the south who enter the academie program a chance for a bachelor's degree equivalent to those of the universities. Graduates are being sought by Intel and other high-tech industries in the area. Other institutions include the Lady Davis Comprehensive Municipal High School in north Tel Aviv, the science and arts comprehensive high school in Hadera, and the Holtz College for flight technicians in Tel Aviv.

Ilouz-Ayalon, who was born in the then-disadvantaged Jerusalem border neighborhood of Mustara, has served in a variety of important positions since he completed his socialwork doctorate: he was social-affairs adviser to then-prime minister Shimon Peres, he was adviser to the chairmen of Knesset committees, he ran the "Peace Project" from Geneva for Nessim Gaon of the Noga Group, ioitiating the establishment of a large ranch in Nigeria and Noga offices in Russia, Prague and Budapest, and serves as a mental health officer when doing reserve duty in the Israel Defense Forces.

everything on its head. I refer to implementation in the field of advanced educational techniques that bave never operated in Israel and the co-option of worldrenowned experts in education and Arnal I gets no subsidies, depend-

ing for its finances on the Education Ministry, which helps cover the mition of pupils and students as with any other school network, and the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, which sponsors vocational retraining for adults. Directly seeking contributors abroad, it asked one of its main supporters and philanthropists Harry Bloomfield of Montreal, to serve as president of Friends of Amal International. This renewed friends' organization aims at locating additional economic sources for the network, establishing an umbrella of friends - including graduates - in Israel and abroad.

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"While Jewish mothers and fathers today want their children to be doctors and their youngsters want to be lawyers and business administrators, there are excellent jobs to be had in the fields of technology for which we are training pupils," llouz-Ayalon says. "We have invested much money in computers, with one computer for every eight pupils, and we constantly try to upgrade the equipment."

Amal's Internet site, launched only a few months ago and located at bttp://www.amalnet.k12.il, is a mother lode of information. Candace Salem, who is responsible for English-language publications for Amal and is in charge of the site, deserves much credit for this project. Teachers can find the latest educational material in their fields, from Judaism and English to math, the

pupils can consult the databases.

The CD-ROM project produces databases on a disk for a variety of subjects, including Jerusalem, the humanities, design and the arts, the coastal region, the history of dress, and the history of energy. "It takes three years to produce a textbook," explains Reuven Shmaya, Amal 1's deputy director-general for development. "By the time they appear, some information in them may be obsolete. But with disks, we can update them at regular intervals." Arnal 1 sells these disks to 650 schools around the country, most of them not affiliated to the network, charging \$110 for a single workstation and \$220 for network use of up to 20 pupils.

Since 1992, it has produced seven of them - the most recent of them with full multimedia video, sound and text - and investing \$100,000 in

But perhaps the most unusual use of computers by Amal 1 is its English journalism project, which will publish the best of the resulting pupils' articles on the Net, in addition to distributing printed English school newspapers to youngsters around the country.

Dr. Rahel Tal, the network's English supervisor, says that the project began as an experiment at four schools, and it has exceeded all expectations in two of them, in select few; all the pupils in the school, whatever their English skills, are encouraged to research, interview and write articles.

"First they heard lectures from journalists, including Tirzah Agassi of The Jerusalem Post's City Lights. They worked very hard. One team prepared a detailed questionnaire about army service and interviewed hundreds of pupils," says Tal. "Studying English, for these pupils, will never be the same again. They really enjoy it, and they're so excited when the best articles appear in print. Some of the articles will also appear in the Post's youth papers. We plan to expand the pilot project next year."

llouz-Ayaion concludes that Amal l is negotiating with Bezeq to book up to the Internet not only all the network's schools but also all the homes of teachers and pupils who have a personal computer. This would truly revolutionize schoolwork, allowing it to continue during time away from the elassroom as well. Graduates of the Max Fine

#### TELL ME WHY

# Desert air: Breathe the difference

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Te are retired volunteers working in Israel for o that the desert is excellent for our health. Why is desert air so conducive to good health? Avraham and Yaffa, Beersheba.

Dr. Joel Lafair, head of the lung unit of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusolem's Ein Kerem, replies:

There are a nomber of possible reasons for this. The main one is that in desert areas, there is less vegetation, and those who are llens floa air, including asthmatics, will feel much better. In addition, desert areas have fewer cars and less

industry, thus there is less pollu-In the '60s, many asthmatics went to settle io Arad, but as the for skin cancer unless you cover town planted more trees and gar- yourself up with elothing and sun-

dens, the amount of pollen screen. increased, and as traffic grew, pollution did as well.

Some residents and visitors aim they feel on d between Arad and Tel Aviv or Jerusalem. Some people who are sensitive to cold and humidity will breathe better in a dry, warm cli-

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### The taxman's Web

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

titizens may not enjoy dealing with income-tax elerks, but the new internet site of the Treasury's Income Tax Division is very user friendly.

The Web site - accessible via the Finance Ministry's site at http://www.mof.gov.il - pre-sents up-to-date information on tax matters and the branch's ser-

Obligations and rights for the 1996 tax year, documents that must be presented with the tax form, explanations on how to fill it out, ways to calculate the tax bill and tables with cost-ofliving indices are all explained on the site.

Residents are also able to view tax forms and fill in the necessary data for a dry run, without identifying themselves, lo calculate how much money they

In addition, there is a message from Tax Commissioner Doron

Levy. The income-tax Web pages are, unfortunately, only in Hebrew, but the Finance Ministry's home site provides some material in English.

There is also updated data on the international branch of the Treasury, the state budget, a report on wage costs in the public sector and capital market

activines. According to the Finance Ministry, this interactive site will increasingly be used not only to inform the average taxpayer, but also to help decision-makers obtain accessible and accurate information in the economic sphere.

# Coffee's good to the last drop

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

nlike most stimulants, coffee bas not been proven in any medical studies to eause acute or ebronic harm to any of the body's sys-

However, coosumption of eaffeine - which is also found in somewbat weaker conceotrations in cola, tea and chocolate eauses mild physiological habit-nation, and ehronic coffee drinkers who stop drinking their brew ean suffer from headaches for days after giving it up.

These are the conclusions of Rita Rahmani and Mordechai Ravid of Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava, who have studied the world medical literature on what is probably the world's favorite

According to the article, published in the latest issue of Horefuoh, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, 80 percent of the adult population in the Western world drink eof-

Caffeine, an alkaloid, is the most commonly used psychotropic substance in the

There are 60 to 100 mgs. of caffeine in a cup of Turkish coffee, 50 to 80 mgs. for instant coffee or a can of cola, 20 to 80 mgs. in a cup of tea and 20 mgs. in cocoa.

The Meir Hospital researchers said that studies on the effects of coffee are very tricky to assess, as most of them are conducted using self-reporting via telephone interviews, whose data

may not be accurate. In addition, the size of "cups" of coffee varies, and it's difficult to isolate the health influences of heavy coffee-drinking from behaviors that tend to go with it, including smoking and the drinking of alcoholic beverages. Thus scientists have tested ani-



mais for the effects of caffeine, and the results are not always applicable to humans.

What is incontrovertible, said the researchers, is the appearnon is well-known to Jews who

ance of headaches after a chronie coffee drinker has abstained for a day or two; this phenomefast on Yom Kippur. Many doctors recommend feine per day.

avoiding coffee when patients complain of anxiety, heartburn, sleep problems, bigb blood pressure, angina pectoris and irregular heart beats.

But there is no clear evidence that the stimulant affects any of these conditions, especially if one keeps within the "normal" limit of 500 milligrams of caf-

Working with Amal I directorgeneral Ra'anan Shrir, Ilouz-Ayalon says the network will become "the leading educational network in the country. It's moving ahead. We have carried out major changes in organization and philosophy and turned.

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# The change Britain deserves

election victory has left commentators worldwide gasping for superlatives to describe it. The once mighty party of "Iron Lady" Margaret Thatcher lies in ruins. The victory undouhtedly belongs first to Prime Minister Tony Blair and the flawless, bitch-free election campaign he masterminded for his New Labor.

But the face of John Major, still frozen in disbelief, tells another story - not just the victory of his brilliant young opponent, but the angry, crushing fury that the British voters heaped on the Conservatives. Not since they threw out their hero Winston Churchill in the first election after he led them to victory over the Nazis have the British so astounded foreign observers. The British are traditionally conservative voters (with a small 'c'), with little taste for revolution, npheaval or the unseemly passions of their continental neighbors. In this election - and in the long months of pro-Labor opinion polls that preceded it - the electorate has shown the Conservatives that they had sunk beneath con-

That was all the more surprising for, despite his somewhat gray political image, John Major has always been respected as a good and decent man, an honest self-made person who first had to claw his way from a deprived background into the middle classes and then made it all the way to 10 Downing Street. Major probably would have been unsurprised by a more "normal" defeat fucled hy the "time for a change" theme. But he was totally bewildered by the size of the rout, especially since, as he noted, the economy is in good shape, interest rates and inflation are both low, and unemployment is going steadily down.

That sort of bewilderment bedevils far too many politicians who fail to comprehend that they are losing touch with the mood of the very people they once so easily persuaded to vote for them. In any democracy, a party that holds its grip on power too long seems unable to escape the arrogance of power. This may be the same Conservative Party that Thatcher so triumphantly led into hattle against Argentina and against a dying domestic economy - but it is also the party that has been regarding the public as fools for most of its last term. Too many Conservatives have been exposed as sleazy and dishonest, too many more of them have lost touch with the changing opinions of their vot-

In the most astounding example of such misjudgment, the Tories first believed the electorate had no interest in European Union matters and then, when they discovered on the nation's doorsteps that it was very much an election issue, the party assumed that an anti-Europe stand would pull in the votes. If the British voters are not as dumh as the Conservative Central Office seemed to think - neither are they as xenophobic.

But the greatest anger undoubtedly was

for a change" is one thing, but reserved for the sleazy goings-on that dogged the scale of Britain's Labor Party the party right up to election day and left the Conservatives to try and promote Major's own good character as an campaign asset. The proof of how important the sleaze issue had become was demonstrated by BBC reporter Martin Bell, who became so disgusted that be stood against the powerful Neil Hamilton, who refused to resign over accusations of accepting payment for parliamentary questions. Bell, standing only on an "anti-sleaze" platform, easily overturned Hamilton's buge majority. It proved a miniature morality tale reflecting the whole election.

Blair's buge parliamentary majority probably means that the Conservatives would have to regroup and rebuild to do to Labor what has been done to them by next election time. At this juncture, it seems most unlikely, so if Blair proves as efficient at running the country as at running his party, this is probably a two-term government.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of a remarkable election has been the wiping out of the Conservatives in two of the four countries making up Britain - Scotland and Wales where they won oo seats at all. There could bardly be a more startling mandate for Blair's plan to devolve power to local Scottish and Welsh assemblies. The only region that delivered the tired old cliches of previous elections remained Northern Ireland. This province has huried many a British political career and if Blair's new ideas can turn around any aspect of this festering problem, he will truly make bis mark on British history.

One question that some commentators are asking is whether Labor's majority is too big for comfort. They say the essence of British democracy has always been the role of the loyal opposition in keeping the governing party from straying too far, too quickly from the norms of political power. This may be so, but some of Britain's great advances were made when a party had a comfortable enough majority to forge ahead without fear of being halted. The post-war Labor government constructed Britain's famed national health service, Thatcher with her 1983 majority of 140-plus overhauled the economy and launched her great privatization and free-markets drive. These precedents, and his huge majority, mean that Blair can afford to be as dynamic in overhauling the country as he has been in overhauling his own tired old party and turning it into a lean winning machine. One exciting prospect for the new government

is that it may at last be able to carve out a place of real influence for Britain in Europe. Under the Euro-skeptical Conservatives, Britain has been marginalized at a crucial time in the development of the EU. The election clearly demonstrated - much to almost everyone's surprise that Europe-bashing is no longer a vote-winner in modern Britain. That alone made it time for a change, and for a new leader to chart a new course. The new Britain of the '90s may at last bave got the government it deserves.

#### CAPTAIN, DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING?



# The Armenian genocide

ho says thiogs don't change – and certainly never for the better?

A week ago Saturday night, Channel 1's "News Around the World" was devoted nearly entirely to the theme of genocide in the modern world. A good part of the program, which was prepared and presented by Ya'acov Ahimeir, recently returned from a stint as Channel I's correspondent in Washington, focused on the Armenian genocide of 1915, whose formal memorial date, April 24, comes out so close to our own Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

On that date; close to a year into World War I, in which the Ottoman Empire was allied with the Kaiser's Germany, several thousand of the intellectual, social, and business elites of the Armenian minority in the Ottoman capital, Constantinople, were rounded up and force-marched into detention by the Ottoman authorities. That proved to be the beginning of the Armenian genocide, in which in the ensuing 18 months, about 1.5 million Armenians - at the time one-third of the Armenian people

- were annihilated. So what has changed? Over the past few years, several antempts to broadcast some relatively tame documentaries about that dismal part of 20th-century Middle Eastern history were quashed in response to pressure from the Foreign Ministry, responding to protests from the Turkish government.

Already 15 years ago, such political pressure was successful in banning a relatively innocuous Israel TV documentary on the population of the Armenian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. Years later, the Israeli Embassy in Washington used its influence with the US government and with the American Jewish community to prevent Washington from officially recognizing the Armenian tragedy, as it had earlier recognized the Jewish Holocaust.

Ahimeir told me that before he left for Washington four years ago, he had managed to air a relatively short reference to the Armenian genocide on Channel 1's news. Several weeks later, he was shown a thick file by then deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin which contained protests against that broadcast from members of Jewish community in Turkey. The Turkish Embassy had YOSEF GOELL

also lodged a formal protest. This time, Ahimeir told me. there has been oot a peep of protest in response to his much more detailed treatment of the 1915 Armenian tragedy.

ONE of the most persuasive expressions of the connection between the Jewisb and Armenian genocides hangs on the walls of

If we want others to care about what happened to us, we must sympathize with the tragedies of others

the Holocaust Museum in Washington. It is a quote from Adolf Hitler in 1939: "Who today remembers the massacre of the Armenian people?"

Hitler's purpose was to reassure bis generals and other German officials who were somewbat queasy over the international repercussions to the planned mass killing of Jews and other "subbumans" in those parts of Eastern Europe that Nazi Germany was about to conquer. He was arguing that just as that mass murder had been accepted by the "civilized" world, so would it shrug off the

mass killing of Jews. The official objections to dealing openly with this issue on TV and in the schools stem from two sources: sensitivity to the developing strategic relations with Turkey, and the interest of Yad Vashem in playing down any competing historical phenomena which could possibly detract from the uniqueness of the Holocaust.

In regard to the latter, it is interesting to note that the academic expert interviewed by Ahimeir on the Armenian genocide was Prof. Yehuda Bauer, who is the head of Yad Vashem's academie advisory council. So maybe things are

changing.
The Turks are indeed sensitive to any mention of this shameful aspect of their recent past. There is also no question that our developing strategie relations with Turkey are of supreme importance. We must tell the Turks that

tions with today's Germany, the successor to Hitler's Third Reich, have been no less important to us over the past 40 years. That has oever stopped us from reminding the Germans of their responsibility for the Holocaust.

The German analogy is apt. In the ongoing struggle for the soul of modern Turkey, the modernists who are determined to adhere to Kemal Ataturk's legacy against the challenges from their own Moslem fundamentalists, are bent on Turkey's being accepted into the European Community. There is very deep opposition in Europe to Turkey's inclusion.

Learning bow to openly admit historic responsibility for the Armenian genocide, which was committed by a previous despotic Turkish regime over 80 years ago, could prove to be a major argument in support of modern Turkey's "Europeaness."

The demand to perceive and teach the Holocaust as a unique occurrence in human history raises even more serious problems. It pits an age-old Jewish tendency to view batred for the Jews as a sui generis phenomenon, and thus to see the Holocaust as the culmination of Jewish bistory in which the world bas always been and will always be against us, against a more universalistic perception of the Holocaust as the most extreme expression of a tendency to genocide in our century.

The debate between these two approaches is intellectually legitimate. But preserving the memory of the Holocaust and the lessons to be learned from it is not primarily an intellectual exercise.

If we have demanded, and successfully so, that the world community preserve the memory of our tragedy, of our Holocaust, we must enter that arena of human cooscience with clean hands. If we want others to care for what happened to us, we must show that we care for the tragedies of

This means sensitizing our-selves by means of the media, and our children through what we teach them in our schools, to the modern history of human suffering. Ya'acov Ahimeir's program on the Armenian genocide was welcome evidence of change in that direction

The writer comments on current affairs.

# Melting

GWYNNE DYER

ust under three-quarters of the present American population (73.1 percent) is classified as "non-Hispanic white" by the US Census Bureau. But within 50 years, it predicts, white Americans will be barely half the population (52.8%). Some 13.6% of Americans will be black (about the same as now), Asians will double to 8.2%, and most of the

rest will be "Hispanic."
The bureau is almost certainly wrong. The man who has it right is Tiger Woods, the 21-year-old golfer who electrified the US hy winning the Masters tournament - and then outraged practically everybody by announcing on the Oprah Winfrey show that he does not see himself as "black," but as Cablinasian. It's a word that describes what

may be the largest American "race" by 2050: a mixed-race group in various shades of light brown that combines the genetic heritage of most major groups on the planet. Canada promises to be an eveo more comprehensive mixture, and Australia and Britain are moving in the same direction.

Woods made the word "Cablinasian" up because he had no word to describe himself. His father had one white, one native Indian and two black grandparents, and his mother was half Chinese, half Thai. "Growing up, I came up with this name - I'm a Cablinasian," Woods explained - a mix of Caucasian, black, Indian, and Asian.

Old racial barriers bave dropped, and racial intermarriage has taken off.

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in Britain, a stunning 30% of people of West Indian origin under the age of 30 who are married or in a long-term relationship have a white partner. And public opinion supports the change: Well over two-thirds of Britons strongly disapproved of mixed marriages as recently as 1958, while now just over a quarter would object even if close relatives were involved.

The rate of intermarriage Is lower among British Asians, maybe because most of them are

#### Golf champion Tiger Woods represents a new breed

Moslems, Hindus or Sikhs for whom religious differences are an extra barrier to intermarriage. But just go into the schools in hig British cities and you can see the scale of the ethnic mixing that is happening - and this is in a country with only 7% foreign-born in its population.

Only 4% of US marriages are inter-racial, but that bald figure cooceals a huge generational shift. In the '40s and '50s, less than 2% of black men married white women. In the past decade, the figure has soared to nearly 10%. And other non-white Americans, who do not suffer the special prejudice that weighs on African-American descendants of former slaves, are now "marrying out" at a staggering rate.

THERE are many previous examples of widespread racial mixing. Most people in northern India are descended from long-ago unions between Aryan (white) invaders and the darker previous inhabitants.

Many West Indian "blacks" (and most American "blacks") actually carry the genes of former slave-owners as well as former In South Africa there is a whole

people, the Coloureds, who come from the mixing of Europeans, "Malays" (actually Indonesians). the Bushman/Hottentot original inhabitants, and black Africans. The caste system in India probably arose as a strategy for com-

bating the racial mixing that was undermining the conquerors cohesiveness and power. But the current phenomenon

different because the new inter-racial links are voluntary and equal The most significant bit of date about the new intermarriage this: White American wome who have served in the US armed forces are seven times more like ly to marry black American males.

than civilian white women. In the US armed forces, almost uniquely in American society, a very large minority of blacks: lives and works alongside other races in a genuinely non-racis institution. Since many blacks are long-service professionals, they also have high status.

And that is all it takes 10 over-It was never really about color It was always about power.

People like Tiger Woods, both of inter-racial relationships in a society with egalitarian values, will not submit to being sorted by the shade of their skins. It will take another generation or two but the old racist games are over and the future is light brown.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### RECIPE FOR DISASTER will not mind sharing its ancient

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Remember the wisdom of King

Solomon faced in Jerusalem by two

women making exclusive claims to

possess the one infant. Rather than destroy the child by trying to hold

onto it regardless, real love was proved by a willingness to let go.

The choice here is a kinder one: Not

to surrender or destroy Jerusalem,

Today, nations no longer prosper

only to share it lovingly.

and spiritual meaning.

Sir. - The survival of Israel is now in the balance. From our often unhappy history, many Jews believe that Israel's survival requires continuous displays of force and armed might. This approach has oot worked: not for Israel, not elsewhere. Sooner or later, history shows, it is selfdefeating.

In this season of celebration of our freedom, our fellow Jews should consider the following: Israel's present "tough line" must lead to continuing disaster

for future generations, Israeli and Those who truly love Jerusalem

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Pardess Hanna home. Upon inves-

ing screen door and the balcony

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She immediately called me at

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Upon calling the Pardess Hanna

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ters, she was advised that only for

by amassing land and dominating their neighbors militarily. Not size

of territory but human strength -

**DEALING WITH VIPERS** Sir, - Recently, on her return a fee of NIS 300 would a private contractor rid us of the threat. I told my wife not to eogage the by the dogs barking and pawing at contractor, to carefully close the screen door, and that I would deal tigation, she was shocked to see a with the snake upon my return viper between the open outer slidfrom work. Minutes later, the municipal emergency headquarters called back and asked her if we would pay NIS 150 for the as a poisonous viper from its characteristic markings and triangular

snake's removal. No deal. Thereafter, I returned home, very carefully opened the screen door to reveal the viper, now coiled and ready to strike. I dispatched the snake with a very long-handled weeding tool, and took its measure: a bit over a

meter in length. It is absolutely inconceivable to me that the police were not concerned about this very real threat to life. If not the police, whom shall we rely upon the next time danger threatens?

JOSEPH S. WEISBERGER

Pardess Hanna,

economic, cultural, scientific and technological - make couotries like Singapore, Luxembourg and Japan internationally influential. Doesn't Israel command compara ble human resources? The fates of the Israeli and

Palestinian peoples have become inseparable. However unwelcome, this fact is undeniable. For one to survive, both must - together. There is no choice other than reconciliation and compromise. An "all or nothing" stance, experience teaches, will deliver only a costly nothing.

PROF. CLIVE KESSLER

Randwick, Australia.

#### THE KAISER IN PALESTINE

Sir, - In the Post of April 2, the caption under the photograph of Prince George, great-grandson of Kaiser Wilhelm II, reads that he is here to retrace the journey of the Kaiser to Palestine io 1898.

In 1898, my father, Mosbe Loubman, was present when Herzl met the kaiser. My father was a student at Mikve Yisrael Agricultural School. Herzl visited the school and my father was chosen to serve him. Herzl and the kaiser talked outside the gate of the school, after which the kaiser and his retinue went to Jerusalem.

The country was hot and arid no trees, no shade, plenty of mosquitoes, malaria and yellow fever. The kaiser told Herzl that the land would belong to the people who made it green.

And guess which people made the land green!

Jerusalem



This photo won David Cohen of Tel Aviv first prize in a contest to find the best picture of sunglasses. Cohen, a 31-year-old new immigrant from England, snapped this 12-year-old boy in Zamhia who assembled do-it-yourself specs from litter he scavenged. The contest was run by the Yofi Optics company.

#### POSTSCRIPTS A BRITISH woman recently celehrated the birth of a baby boy horn 22 months after his twin sister io a surrogacy arrangement which gives the children three mothers. The twin embryos were conceived in a test tube from the same

Gunther, 41, who spent 14 years trying to have a baby by fertility Gunther and her husband Julian found the first surrogate mother after advertising in a shop win-

batch of eggs collected from Tricia

dow. The woman, Teresa Finlay, gave birth in 1995 to baby Jennifer. But Finlay was unwilling to go through another surrogate pregnancy to provide a sibling for Jennifer so the Gunthers found a second woman, Gaynor Crutchley,

to carry the baby. SOMEONE IS attacking drunks in Nicaragua with bickey-like love

The dreaded "chupabolos" -"drunksucker" - preys on men who have passed out in the streets of Matagalpa, leaving hickeys on various parts of their bodies.

Enraged drunks and street people in this town known for its machismo have organized a so-far unsuccessful search for the culprit who finds victims in the dark streets surrounding a local market. The number of victims was unknown.

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the deadliest of snakes. Having been raised in the US where dangerous situations immediately galvanize the public safety sector into action, I told her to call the "A famil police. The 100 operator thereupon told her that the police did not handle matters such as this and that we were to call our local

head.

the snake.

# A Berlin rabbi's wartime tale

OWYNNE DYE

The Holocaust and the war were over. A few young Jews walked up to the gate of a vast Jewish cemetery in Berlin, a graveyard so over-grown and cratered that it looked like a metaphor for German Jewry.

These men already had seen too much - at Auschwitz, they'd thought they'd seen the end of the world - bot even they were shocked by what greeted them at the cemetery gate. A rabbi.

A rahhi who told them he'd lived and worked openly here through the war, who said he'd hidden Torah scrolls and sacred objects from the Nazis.

And that was why they had been called here; to dig them up. Later, as they were leaving, the rabhi urged each to take something he had unearthed. One of the men, Werner Coppel, thought of a common attitude at Auschwitz toward such holy items: "What good did they do us?" Still... he picked up a tallit. A long ooe, off-white with hlack stripea and a ailver collar and fringe at the borders.

As he left with his shawl, Coppel wondered: Who is this rabhi? And why is he alive? His name was Martin Riesenhurger, and he was the last rabhi of Berlin.

In the capital of the Third Reich, io the midst of the Holocaost, Rieseohurger secretly tended the embers of Judaism. Actiog within the law, he gave huodreds of Jews a gift that was denied millions of others - a

religious burial. Acting outside the law, and at great risk, he conducted secret services and hid sacred objects. He eveo erected a succa.

"Right uoder the oose of the Nazis, this rabbi gave Iews bope," says Rahhi Bernard Zlotowitz, an American scholar who is studying Riesenhurger. For this alone, he deserves our and praise and gratitude." Riesenburger started out as a chaplain at Berlin's Jewish old-

That was 1933, the year Hitler took power. By 1941 the destruction of German Jewry was half completed, and Riesenburger had to wear a yellow Star of David on the left side of his tallit.

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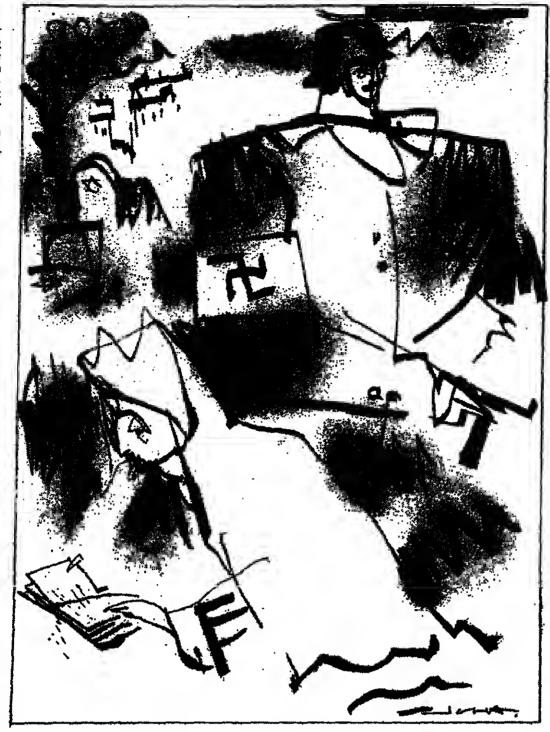
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In late 1942, the Gestapo announced it would close the old-age bome and deport its res-



ideots. Riesenhurger beld a final service in the home's syna-

"I made a short speech, interrupted by the crying of those present," be recalled in his autohiography, The Light that Never

This was the work of Alois he'd once presided over a cere-Brunner, an amhitious young mony marking a couple's goldeo Gestapo official who had quickly and ruthlessly deported Vieona's Jews (and is now see believed to be hiding in Brun Damascus, protected by the In

After a week he was called in Hauptsturmführer Brunner.

autobiography. his

Assigned to another synagogue, Riesenburger held services at which Gestapo agents often outnumbered Jews,

Fniled. When it was over, "we all shook hands, because we could not speak." Working quickly - furniture was tossed out the windows, straw thrown on the floor - the Gestapo turned the home into a detention

Syrian government). The depor-tation of Berlin Jews was going too slowly, and Brunocr's mission was to make the city

"Judenfrei" - free of Jews. Riesenburger was arrested, taken to the old-age home and locked in the same room where

Riesenhurger says only that Brunner told bim to resume his work and released bim. Assigned to another synagogue, he held services at which Gestapo agents often outnumbered Jews. The latter realized, Riesenhurger said, "it was only

Jewish couple. He was 40, she 37. A few days later they were deported to a camp. It was the last marriage

trap." In June 1943, Riesenhurger secretly married a

Riesenhurger performed doring the war, after that, there were only funerals.

Although Berlin had been declared "Judenfrei," about 7,000 Jews still lived there. Some were underground; some were special workers; some, like Riesenburger, were married to Aryans. When these Jews died they

had to be huried. The Nazis dido't want Germana to do it, so they assigned Riesenburger to Weissensee, the largest and now the last functioning Jewish cemetery in Berlin.

Riesenhurger seems to have been appointed for two reasons: hecause he was protected, and hecause he was nobody.

"He was oot a brilliant man, like some of the rahhis we had," says Jerry Bocian, who as a schoolhoy met Riesenhurger. "His sermons were simple. There were no great philosophical thoughts. I can't imagine him in the pulpit of one of the

hig synagogues."
But the Nazis had killed or jailed the great spiritual and intellectual monuments of the German rabbinate. That left Riesenburger, a warm, onpretentious man who liked to read his wife Bihle stories. He wasn't even ao ordained rahhi, He was a cantor, a vocation founded on his two early loves: God and music.

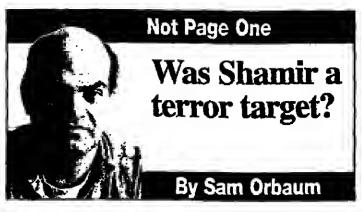
"He was not a hig man, a cader," recalls Marcus leader." Saferstein, another Berliner who koew him. "If he was, they woold have takeo him away. And so, as millions of European Jews were incinerated like waste paper, Martin Rieseohurger began giving a lucky few a decent hurial.

At first, be performed several funerals each day. Many were suicides, including people who had received a summons to Gestapo headquarters. Often, remains arrived in the mail in an urn, with a return address at Auschwitz or Buchenwald. They came C.O.D.

Riesenburger prepared the body for burial, led the small funeral procession, said the prayers and played the organ.

He always gave a eulogy. "He wouldn't stop talking until the last person had his handkerchief

"He could really squeeze the tear ducts." He did it not hy meotioning current evenis - be never eveo alluded to politics hut hy preaching hope, hy stressing that there was something eternal that nothing could (Reuter)



Tas Yitzhak Shamir targeted for assassination in 1993 by an Arah hit team? At the very least, a known terrorist was able 10 infiltrate security and get into point-blank position a meler away from the former PM.

This uneasy story could be easily dismissed and left for conspiracy theorisis or Hollywood hacks to play with. But there is solid evidence that's hard to ignore, and certainly, Scotland Yard is taking it all quite serinusly.

Shamir was in London on May 19, 1993, to participate in a Jerusalem Day celebration nrganized by Likud Herut of Great at the Finchley Britain

Colin Leci, a London Jew, was at the scene when Shamir arrived, and snapped a photo of the guest of honor. Almost immediately he noticed a young woman, Samar Alami, directly hehind Shamir.

Leci knew her, and knew she was not exactly a member of the Shamir Fan Club.

By coincidence, Leci had worked with Alami in the same department of a chemical company. When he saw her once wearing a gold pendant in the shape of a map of Israel, her political affiliations became apparent: there are not many Lebanese Zionists.

Leci greeted Alami just after taking the photo, and asked what she was doing there. She responded defensively: "The advertisement [in the Jewish Chronicle] stated that all were welcome." Leci quickly dispatched his soo to alert the security detail, though she was allowed into the women's section of the synagogue, passing through a superficial security check. Before the end of the ceremo-

ny, she walked out and was driven away by a wailing car. Odd... but not enough to get

excited about. Until you coosider this: Alami, 31, was later arrested in connecout," recalls Liselotte Clemens, tion with the July 1994 bombiog who worked at the cemetery as a of the Israeli Embassy in London and another attack, the following day, of a Jewish philanthropic organization

London. lo December 1996, she was found guilty of masterminding the operations and was sentenced to 20 years in jail. Scotland Yard eagerly snapped

up Leci's info - and photo though he doesn't know what use they made of it. Alright, theo: let's be skepti-

If Alami had her chance to get at Shamir outside the synagogue - and she was barely a meter away from him, with no one between them - why didn't she pull the trigger then? Her get-away would have been a lot easier than fram inside the crowded building.

Perhaps her cover was hlown hy Leci: remember, his son left the scene to alert security.

Why did she enter the synagogue at all? Surely she wouldn't risk being caught with a

Even if she wasn't armed, there's room for conjecture, however wild: the plao may have been 10 carry out an attack from outside, with her inside to send a signal; she, or they, may have assumed Shamir would deliver a speech from the pulpit (he didn'i), and may have rigged up a bomb (with Alami holding the remote-control trigger)

which failed to detonate. She is, after all, a chemical engineer.

What interest would there have been to murder a former prime minister?

Because an assault at a Zionist celebration for the reunification of Jerusalem would have been a satisfying treat for their cause; because the opportunity presented itself to kill an Israeli of stature, and security would have been less tight than for an active political figure.

Eveo the most skeptical rationalist would bave to admit Alami was not there to throw flowers. Even if there was no murder plan, what possible interest would there be for a terrorist operative to risk attending such a oon-sensitive, meaningless event? To spy? Certainly\_ Shamir was oot expected to publicly reveal anythiog of strategic importance.

Even if you dismiss a murder plor as imaginative conjecture, there's a peripheral issue that can't be ignored: security was so lax around the shockingly vulnerable former prime minister that someone was able to get within arm's reach, with no one between them.

That someone happened to be a mortal enemy. It was a lesson we would later

#### HEADS 'N' TAILS

# Are you allergic to your pet, or is your pet allergic to you?

#### By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

ogs and cats, as well as many other animals, including cage hirds and domestic livestock. are sometimes afflicted by allergies. The symptoms of allergies in pets are similar 10 those seen in humans: watery eyes, sneezing, wheezing. coughing, skin irritations, digestive upsets and a variety of other symp-

this is not the norm.

Some of these allergies are to pollens and other natural substances, but

induced. Their hasis is io the chemicals and other products that humans have put into the system.

Some dogs (and cats) are allergic to some of the additives that are a natural component of commercially produced kibble.

Such a pet simply cannot eat any of the dry per foods which are available on the market without suffering severe digestive upsets and has to have a totally different diet.

But other chemical products can also induce allergic reactions. I remember rinsed it a second time through a

Most pet allergies are humao a Lahrador retriever that was losing hair and scratched itself day and night. A series of veterinary consultaots failed to find the reason why.

Finally, they gave the dog a steroid and the symptoms disappeared. The owner, a nurse, realized that this must he an allergy.

She tried several things and then

found that the attacks were more severe every two weeks - after she had washed the dog's hlanket. She started to wash the cotton rugblanket with a good soap and then

The problem simply disappeared. Many dogs, and even more cats, are

allergie to eigarette smoke. Some cats actually develop a clinical asthma from close association with a smoker. Passive smoke exposure also causes eye irritations and sniffles in

They can also acquire allergies to cleaning materials used for food dish-

es and water pans.

The use of polyvinylestrol dishes can make a black-nosed dog develop a brown or pink nose, as the plastic has

whole wash cycle without soap at all. an effect on the pigment cells. But, hy and large, one of the most terrible allergies is 10 the toxins of simple fleas.

> In this case, it really doesn't matter whether the dog has one or 1,000 fleas; the results are the same and some dogs scratch themselves to the point where they actually flay all the flesh from half their hodies. This is a serious matter - it can he

faial - and can only be controlled by steroid treatment. Herbicides sprayed to control weeds

absolute elimination of fleas and

in gardens and in empty lots are also a problem.

While a large amount of exposure to these poisonous chemicals will effect any dog or cat (or person), even a very small amount can cause severe symp-

toms in some animals. Cats are especially sensitive since they not only get the omount of material that is absorbed by the skin, but, in cleaning themselves, they swollow it

At this time of year it is especially important to guard against exposure to such materials.

#### **EDEAR RUTHIE**

# The dilemmas of single motherhood

By RUTHIE BLUM



eor Ruthie. am 38 years old. Though once married briefly in my carly ovennes, I hove no children. My problem is that I desperotely

want o child now, before it is too late, but there is no man I am interested in sharing my life with. This is a serious problem for me because I do not want to have o child on my own. I do not believe in bringing a baby into this world as a single parent. This leaves me very few options. I am in a true dilemmo, and, as of yet, nabody hus given me advice which has

proven useful. Yearning for Buhy but not for o Bube

Jerusalani

Often what we think of as a Dear Yearning. dilemnia is a smoke screen we erect to cloud ambivalence of a very different sort from that which we acknowledge. You, for exam-

ple, may be anthivalent about college I met my first wife - n nonbecoming a mother altogether. Nnt finding any man suitable might be your unconscious method of avoiding parenthood and, hence, of avoiding confronting that fear.

This is not to say that your desire for a child is false, but that it might be enveloped in deep-seated anxiety. Like most of us, you are probahly gifted at masquerading the real crux of the problem. Like most of us, you are probably involved in a tug of war between your conscious and unconscious. Also like most of us, your unconscious is a far superior player.

So, until your gut makes a decision that it is a baby you want above all else, no man will come along who is suitable. Similarly, once a genuine internal decision is made, either a man will miraculously appear, or your resistance to having a bahy on your own will

I grew up in on Orthodax home in the US, hut steered away from religion when I went to college. At

Jewish woman - with whom I for me? hove a son (now grown). After becoming o physician, I fell in love with, ond subsequently married, o Jewish woman I met at the hospitol where I worked. She and I made aliva together. We then had two doughters. When the girls were very young, my wife began dabbling in spiritual movements, such as EST and I Am, which begon to be fashionable among her sociol circles. I was very opposed to her interest in these groups, and was instrumental in

turning her away from them. Now, several years later, feeling o void in my life, I have become nostalgic for my religious childhood. So I have begun to study and opend lectures at our community center on religion.

My wife is very angry, and accuses me of doing exactly what I had forbidden her to do o few years back when she was searching for spiritualism. I cannot accept considering her search and mine comparable. Will she and I be able to come to some understanding or common ground? Or is this n step

in the direction of n second divorce Soul Searching

Somewhere in Israel Dear Soul Searching Whether or not EST can be compared to Judaism is irrelevant where you and your wife are concerned. The quest for spiritualism seems to be something you and she have in common, though at different stages in your lives. Apparently, she is resentful of your having (successfully) put a stop to her searching, while you

without consulting her. The question of whether you will be able to reach some understanding with your wife will depend on the degree of respect you exhibit for one another's desire to explore, as well as on the extent to which one or the other of you alters his lifestyle. But only you can say whether a second divorce is in process.

later went about your own quest

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Triple-jump

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Edwards at

Wingate

By HEATHER CHAIT

One of the world's greatest

athletes, triple jumper Jonathan

Edwards, arrives in Israel today

for a week's training camp at Netanya's Wingate Institute.

British-born Edwards, 30, who stunned the world with his

18.29 meters jump at the 1995 World Athletic championships

in Goteborg, will hold joint

training sessions with local champion Rogel Nahum and Avi

Edwards's visit to Israel cul-

minates five years of friendship between Nahum and the world

"Since I met Jonathan, we've been trying to fit a visit to Israel into his hectic schedule," said Nahum last night, adding, "as a Christian, he is very keen to visit

This year Edwards decided

# Major gets his priorities straight

LONDON (AP) - Cricket was the first thing on John Major's mind as he left 10 Downing Street in the last time Friday as prime : inister.

Major, swept from power by .ahor's land-lide victory over the Conservatives in Thursday's general elections, shifted his priorities

After meeting the Queen at Buckingham Palace to tender his resignation, Major went to the stofield Oval cricket ground in south ondon to watch English country ricket side Surrey play a one-day match against the British niversities

It was a better result than elecon day as Major, a Surrey fan, on his side win by six wickets. The former prime minister wore anglasses on the unusually warm pring day, posed for pictures and ened autographs for a few fans.

I'm enjoying myself. I always enjoy myself at the Oval," said Major, accompanied by his wife Norma, his son James and daughter Elizabeth

"It's a good game of cricket and I'm enjoying it very much," he added. "Where else would I go on a day like today when the sun is shining? One autograph seeker suggested voters may have made a poor decision at the polls. But Major fell back on an old ericket axiom. "The umpire's decision is final,"

In addition to cricket, Major is also a lifelong fan of the soccer club Chelsea, which will play later this month against Middlesbrough

in the prestigious F.A. Cup final at

Major said Friday he would be unable to attend the game because

# Lakers advance in spite of 'Shaq Wackers'

ing Los Angeles Lakers can take hose "Shaq Wackers" with them

The Portland Trail Blazers' pronotion department handed out ((1990) of the annoying noisemakera to fans for Friday night's eruial playoff game, figuring the ound would bother the Lakers,

pecially at the free-throw line. To the contrary, the Lakers made 18 of 44 at the line, including 10 straight in the last two minutes, to heat the Blazers 95-91 and edvance to the Western Conference semifinals with a 3-1 intor, in the best-of-5 series. Game 1 of Los Angeles' best-of-7 series against Utah is today in

Salt Lake City. In the only other playoff game Friday night. Atlanta defeated Detroit 94-82 at the Palace to tie their best-of-5 series 2-2.

The Hawks play host to Game 5 "due, with the winner advancing to the second round against defending champion Chicago.

"Wheever decided to hand out Jasters, fire that dude," Shaquille Of head said, "I concentrated more the big free throws, and it was rea to make them in the clutch." O'Heal, historically one of the pure a worst free-throw shooters 445 percent during the regular sea-Elden Campbell was 11-for-12, game today.

half ling four of the final 10. O'Neal and Campbell scored 27 coints apiece for the Lakers.

 h Sabonis had 23 points 71. 9 rebounds, but threw the ball the during an 8-0 run that put LA to 71-55 with 32 seconds left. The Blazers were knocked out in ". first round for the fifth consec-

Hawks 94, Pistons 82 Prive Smith scored 28 points

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#2 Barcelona Games

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Stich to retire in fall

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y claboring under the shadow of compatriot Boris Bucker, Steh-

whed to No. 2 in the ATP Tour rankings in 1993, but has dropped to

If a temper of Wimbledon in 1991 and the ATP Tear World

in pictiship in 1993. Stich said he had thought about retiring after an

on the 1995. A first-round defeat at a Barcelona tournament law triggered his decision, announced at a news conference where he

51 ch. 38, said he would enter this year's French Open in I Wirnhiedon. the ording his career in Germany's Davis Cup relegation series

in 1994. Stich helped Germany win the Davis Cup. He has wen 18

of the and Becker were bitter rivals for the affection of the German

Mic. despite teaming up to win Olympic gold in the doubles at the

High in 1993-94, when Stich supplanted Beaker as Germany's top it in rending a long stint as the world No. 2 behind Pere Sumpras, he

PORTLAND (APt - Maybe and Atlanta got 17 points from its the Los Angeles Lakers can take much-maligned reserves to force another game.

Starters Mookie Blaylock. Dikembe Mutombo and Christian Laettner all had double-doubles for the Hawks, Blaylock had 10 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Mutombo had 16 points and 12 rebounds and Laettner had 11 points and 12 boards.

Thursday's Games Sonics 122, Suns 115 (OT) Visiting Seattle survived an incredible, game-tying 3-point shot by Rex Chapman with 1.9 seconds left in regulation and won in over-

time to force a Game 5 last night. The Suns bartled back from an 11-point deficit in the final two minutes and tied the game on Chapman's circus shot from 25

Kidd sank a 3-pointer 1:05 into overtime for a 110-107 Phoenix lead - only the second lead of the game for the Suns. But Seattle battled back, draw-

ing even on Detley Schrempf's 3pointer and going ahead for good 112-110 when he hit two free throws with 2:54 to go. Magic 99. Heat 91

Penny Hardaway played the entire game and shot 12-for-23 with seven rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots for the (on), was 9-for-11 Friday night. hosrs who take the series to a fifth

> NBA Playoff Glance FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5) Thursday's results: Orlando 99. Miami 91 (Series tied 2-2); Seattle 122, Phoenix 115 OT (Series tied 2-

Friday's results: Atlanta 94, Detror. \$2 (Series tied 2-2): LA Lakers 45. Portland 91 (Lukers win series 3-1). Last night: Phoenix at Seanle. Today: Orlando at Miami, Detroit at

STRIDE-FOR-STRIDE - Leicester City's Neil Lennon battles Manchester United's Eric Cantona for the ball at Filbert Street yesterday. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

# Solskjaer rescues Utd in 2-2 draw

LONDON (AP) - Two goals by Sunderland. Norwegian striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer rescued Manchester United from 2-0 down yesterday as Alex Ferguson's team edged closer to their fourth league title in five years with a 2-2 draw at Leicester.

Arsenal dropped out of the title race by losing 1-0 at home to Newcastle.

Robbie Elliott nened Newcastie's winner at Highbury and Kenny Dalglish's fourth-place team have the same number of games left as the leader with nine points to make up from the three games.

Host Liverpool heat Tattenham. 2-1. With the win, Liverpool go second and out Manakester United's lead to three points with two games still to go.

In the struggle to avoid release tion. Fabrizio Ravanelli fired home a last-minute penalty as next-to-last Middle Strough secred a 3-2 sigtom over high-md.ng Aston Villa.

The Italian striker had repred early in the game ulting with Danish forward Mikkel Betkl but Villa hit back for I-2 before Ravanelli saivaged three precious points for Brian Robern's team. which has two more garres to play than its relegation revals

Last-place Nottingham Forest numged only a 1-1 draw or home to Wimbleden and was relegated while Covenuy Aligned into the last three after losing 24 at home to Derby and have only one gondered Wasterland Coverage with a 3-1 crushing of Shaffeld Wednesday with three goals from the Paul Kinson and two to mile Hartson. Both were specified to before transfer los line 11.

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In another Premier League game yesterday. Chelsea and Leeds labored to a 0-0 draw at Stamford

League Cup winner Leieester scored early through defender Steve Walsh and striker lan Marshall at Filbert Street before Solskjaer, who also scored Norway's equalizer in a 1-1 World Cup tie with Finland Wednesday. hit back either side of half time.

After 16 minutes Walsh drove home the first at the far post after comer from Garry Parker had been flicked on. Four minutes later. Marshall broke through a feeble challenge from United defender Gary Pallister and blasted the ball past goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel with his left foot.

A minute before half time. Schmeichel saved from Marshall and that started the move that led to United's first goal. Solskjær switched the ball out to Cole, who

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UEFA favors 'doubleheaders' for nat'l teams

beat a defender before crossing from the left and the Norwegian striker was unmarked as he fired the ball home.

Seven minutes into the second half it was 2-2 when Cole got through again. United States international eoalkeeper Kasey Keller made a good blocking save but Solskjaer followed up to shoot home with the 'keeper grounded. Newcastle won at Highbury

despite having Northern Ireland winger Keith Gillespie sent off for his second yellow card. In a badtempered game, referee Martin Bodenham showed it eight more Brighton's long struegle to

avoid dropping out the league altogether ended in a dramatie last-day survival after 3 1-1 tie 3t Hereford.

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### not to compete in the World Indoor Athletics championships in Paris in March, choosing to devote himself to preparing for the world championships, due to be held in Athens in October. foot of the standings and struggling to stay affoat financially, Brighton only moved above Hereford last

after 25 years. Macclesfield, who finished top the Vauxhall Conference League, will make their first appearance in the pro league next season as Hereford's replacement.

week and vesterday's result means

that Hereford finish last on goal dif-

ference and drops out of the league

Arsenal 0, Newcastle 1 (0-1) England goalkeeper David Seaman produced a brilliant save to deny Lee Clark a minute before half time but Newcastle scored from the corner, Darren Peacock seized possession to pull the ball back into the goalmouth, where Robbie Elliott ran in to bead home.

Chelsea 0, Leeds 0 With Gianfranco Zola rested to make sure he's fit for the May 17 FA Cup final, Chelsea had few

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**Whalers set** for move to Raleigh

FAYETTEVILLE, NC (AP) -Barring an I Ith-hour deal with the Greensboro Coliseum, the Hartford Whalers will move its temporary NHL home to Fayetteville, the team's owner said Friday.

The team's permanent home will be Raleigh's new \$120 million arena, to be completed by 1999.

The Centennial Authority, the

group that oversees Raleigh's new arena, has scheduled a meeting tomorrow, most likely to sign the lease agreement with Whalers' owner Pete Karmanos.

The Whalers would join the NFL's Carolina Panthers and NBA's Charlotte Homets in the suddenly thriving sports state dominated for years by college basketball.

The Panthers and Homets were expansion teams, while the Whalers would leave the city that has been their NHL home for 20 years. The Whalers lost about \$15 million while drawing an average of 13,657 fans last year, according to Chris Brown, the team's media

director. Conference Semifinals Devils 2, Rangers 0

Martin Brodeur recorded his second straight playoff shutout and Scott Niedermayer scored a power-play goal as the New Jersey Devils defeated the New York Rangers 2-0 Friday night in East Rutherford, NJ.

The Devils lead the best-of-7 Eastern Conference semifinal 1-0. Game 2 is today in New Jersey. Red Wings 2, Mighty Ducks 1 Martin Lapointe scored 59 sec-

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onds into overtime as host Detroit won the opening game of the Western Conference semifinals. NHL Playoff Glance

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7) Friday's results: New Jersey 2, NY

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UEFA wants to force domestic leagues to suspend

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Players from Africa and North and South America.

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because of callups by their countries, who play in

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On the field, Carling never fakered. By the highest standards he was not one of the world's great centers, losing his test place in the 1993 British Lions' side in

the sablands and contributed to the break-

But he was consistently one of the best. a master of the half-break with the strength to stay upright in the tackle. Detense, though, was always his

stronged suit, notably on a memorable Twickenham day in 1993 when he stood firm in the face of wave after wave of attacks as England upset the New Zealand All Blacks.

"What always stood out for me was

### Frustrated Hill warns Arrows he's keeping his options open

LONDON (AP) - Reigning ing," he said.

Formula One champion Damon "It's important for me to know Hiil, angry after crashing out of last weekend's San Marino Grand Prix, has warned his Arrows team that he won't stand for becoming an also-ran in the sport.

The British driver's season reached a new low last Sunday when he earned a suspended onerace ban after slamming into the car of Shinji Nakano on the 11th lap. It was the fourth grand prix of the season and the fourth time Hill failed to reach the finish line.

Hill then had to watch from the sidelines as Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the German who replaced him at Williams, won his tiest grand prix race. Hill joined Arrows on a one-year

deal worth a reported £4.5 million (\$7m) after being dumped by Williams just a few days before winning last season's drivers' championship - his first. Hill is seeking assurances from

Arrows ream ehief Tom Walkinshaw that there is a competitive car on the horizon.

"I want to concentrate on the job, but I am constantly inquiring with Tom how things are proceedwhat the future is next year for the

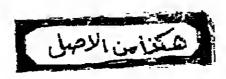
team." The 36-year-old Hill wants to keep his options open if a seat in a top car comes open next season. Benetton's driver lineup of Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi seems set to change next season while McLaren could also has a place up for grabs. "I don't have to make a decision

for a while, but you have to plan ahead," added Hill, who believes the future should be mapped out by the time of the British Grand Prix in mid-July.

"I very much became a victim of not planning ahead enough last season so I am making sure that

doesn't happen this time. "I think by Silverstone the picture will become a lot clearer. I' don't think any decision will have been made, but it will become a lot more obvious." Ann Bradshaw, spokeswoman for Arrows, said

Hill was frustrated but realistic. He's calm but frustrated with what happened (on Sunday)," Bradshaw said. But he's realistic and knows building a strong car. isn't going to happen over night."



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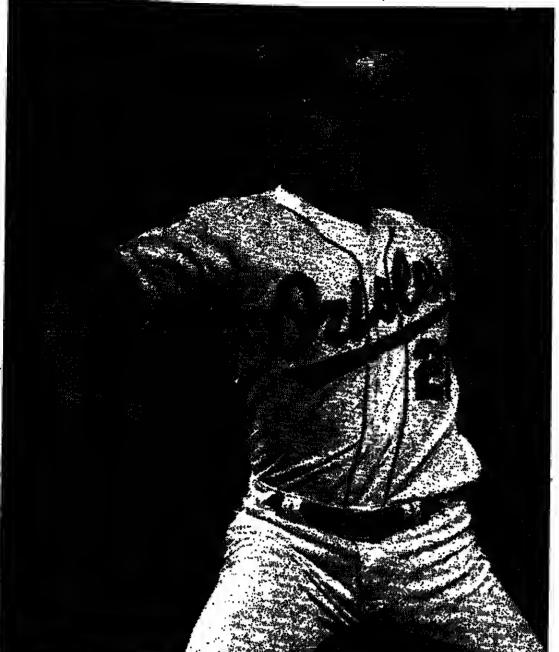
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KEY WIN - Baltimore's Jimmy Key raises his mark to 5-0 with an eight-inning effort over Oakland. It was the Orioles' fifth-straight win.

# Johnson wins 16th straight

win in seven games. The Orioles'

18-7 record is the best in the AL.

and retired 15 straight batters at

one point in lowering his ERA to 2.21 over six starts. The left-han-

der's previous best start was 4-0 in

Yankees 9, Royals 1

Tino Martinez, fresh from set-

ting the major-league record for

RBIs in April, homered in his sec-ond at-bat in May and Bernie

Williams added a two-run shot as

Martinez, who drove in 34 runs

in April, made it 2-0 with his 10th

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New York won on the road.

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Key struck out five, walked one

SEATTLE (AP) - Raody Johnson won his 16th straight decision and Ken Griffey Jr. hit his major-league leading 14th homer as the Mariners beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-1 on Friday...

Johnson (4-0), who hasn't lost in 24 starts since August 1, 1995, held the Brewers to three hits and one run in eight innings. He struck out 11, the 70th time in his career that he has struck out 10 or more in a game, the second this seasoo following back surgery last September.

Orioles 7, Athletics 1 Jimmy Key improved to 5-0 for the first time, allowing four hits in eight inniogs as host Baltimore stretched its winning streak to

NATIONAL LEAGUE
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Danny Pattersoo (2-3) walked Mo Vaughn leading off the ninth, and pinch-runner Jeff Frye took second on a groundout. One out later, Valentin singled to center. Butch Henry (2-1) pilched two innings, and Slocumb got three outs for his fourth save.

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# Taiba bid adieu to top flight

### Betar Jerusalem's title celebrations on hold

By ORI LEWIS and DEREK FATTAL

With three rounds of action still to 20 in the National League and just two in the Second Division, only one statistic has so far been confirmed: Hapoel Taiba will return to the Second Division next season after just one season at the top.

The Arab sector side, the first to play in the National League, were beaten 4-2 by Maccabi Haifa on Friday afternoon and can no longer close the 10-point gap to

14th place and safety.

Leaders Betar Jerusalem ootched another convincing win, a 3-0 rout of Hapoel Tel Aviv at Teddy Stadium yesterday. There seems to be no way they can now lose the National League title, but because second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva also won yesterday, the Jerusalemites will have to wait a little longer for the official celebrations to begin.

There is no soccer action next weekend, the eve of Remembrance Day. League play will resume in two weeks' time.

Hap. Taiba 2, Mac. Haifa 4 The home side played knowing they had oothing to lose and matched Haifa in their free-flowing game at Umm el-Fahm in the

early stages.
The Haifaites had a few early chances, hut it was Taiha who got on the scoresheet first when Yevgeny Kashnetsev headed past Nir Davidovich io the 35th

minute. Three mioutes later, Amir Turjeman put Haifa level with a header of his own.

In the 41st minute Sergei Kandaurov put Haifa ahead from the penalty spot after Ophir Ben-Haim had fouled Hezi Shirazi in the Taiba box.

After the break, Turjeman scored an excellent solo goal which ended with him lobhing Akaki Divadze in the Taiba goal. Taiba refused to give up, howev-

er, and Moni Yeverbaum reduced the arrears on the bour. Taiba's fate was sealed five minules from the eod when

Kandaurov struck a cracker from 25 meters out and he made sure the bome side would indeed kiss the National League goodbye. Betar J'lem 3, Hapoel TA 0

A storming opening by Betar's depleted line-up pierced the Tel Avivans defenses twice, with Nir Sevilia hitting both goals. Sevilia's first came in the fourth Elimelach. To their credit, Hapoel

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price for sloppy finishing up front with hoth Nissim Avitan and Sergei Pogodin failing to make the best of decent chances before the interval.

In the second half Hapoel exerted more sustained pressure but some gifted work between the posts by Jerusalem's Itzik Kornfein kept the reds at hay. Underlining Betar's refusal to lend a helping hand in easing Hapoel's relegation plight Itzik Zohar added the Jerusalemites' third and final goal in the 65th minute.

Hapoel PT 3, Zafr. Holon 0 With Petah Tikva still involved in the race for second place and the UEFA Cup ticket that goes with it, this was always going to be a match to be marked as a home win on most Toto coupons. The play on the field was bad-tempered throughout, and referee Meir Levy was compelled to reach for his red card as early as the ninth minute to dismiss Hapoel's Avi Fletcher following a blowup with Holon midfielder

The Holonis - fighting to survive in the National League failed miserably to take advantage of their numerical advantage and allowed Motti Kakkon to find the net twice in three minutes to give the hosts a 2-0 lead by the 16th minute of play.

Hapoel continued to retain control and matters worsened for Holon in the 77th minute when they lost the services of goalkeeper Alexander Zhidkov after he streamed out of his area and crudely felled the advancing Eli Arbabenel. Zhidkov stands to miss two of his side's remaining three matches of the season. Kakkon struck again seven minutes before the end of the game to take his hat trick and his 18th league goal of the season. Kakkon oow heads the National League's scorers' list. Maccabi TA 0, Hap J'lem 2

The capital outfit fully deserved their first away win in 15 seasons over the current champions in what was one of the Tel Avivans worst matches in a most undistinguished league campaign, Assi Touhi was unable to convert a good chance io the ninth minute, bot Motti Menahem managed to put the Jerusalemites ahead 20 minutes later.

Hapoel's second goal scored in the 63rd minute was a real cracker. A corner clearance came to Eyal Avrahami just inside the left edge of the area. Avrahami turned and shot in one elegant movement. catapulting the ball into the roof of the Tel Aviv net. The Tel Avivans when a cross by David Amsalem were unable to get a consolation was met by a crisp header by goal to provide some badly-need-Sevilia straight past Savit ed confidence ahead of Thursday's crucial State Cup semifinal against continued battling hut paid the Betar Jerusalem.

#### Youth lose 3-2 to Switzerland

Israel's junior soccer side lost for the third time when they went down 3-2 to Switzerland on Friday at the European under 16 soccer championships in Hannover, Germany.

The Israelis finished bottom of their four-team preliminary group after losing their previous two matches 3-0 to Germany and 2-1 to Northern Ireland last week.

The Israeli team thus failed to imitate its success from last year when it clinched third place in the prestigious competition. Most of the players who were members of the 1996 squad have since moved on to the under-18 side, however. Ori Lewis

The Kfar Savans started badly with Itai Koren heading into his own goal just before the quarter hour jumping for a ball together with Buei Yehuda's Amir Avigdor. Three minutes before the break Alon Mizrahi was justly awarded a penalty after being toppled in the

2-0 lead. Two minutes after the break it was Kfar Sava's turn to benefit from a penalty award, as Yaniv Aberjil reduced the deficit from the spot. Ital Koren made up for his earlier mistake beading io Hapoel's equalizer in the 68th

area, and drove his shot home for

Mac. Herzliya O, Rishon Lezion I With both sides safe from relegation, they preferred to play out the match in leisurely fashion and the result was an uninteresting Friday afternoon kickaround.

The visitors took the lead in the eighth minute from the penalty spot through Meir Azran after Avi Pitussi had been fouled by a Herzliya defeoder, hut that was the eod of the action. The rest of the match was played at a relatively easy pace with few chances for either side as the

Ness Ziona..... Hapoel Ramat Gan...

Bnei Yehuda 2, Hap Kfar Sava 2 players were thinking of the offseason rather than their three remaining matches.

Hap. Haifa 1, Mac. PT 1 Just as he had done at international level last year, Haifa and Israel goalkeeper Rafi Cohen feli for it again as he fouled a Petah Tikva player on the edge of the penalty area.

Cohen failed to stop the penalty hy Alon Ophir, who made oo mistake in the 26th minote.

Haifa, still without the services of Tal Banin, who is suspended by the club because of a row with coach Ivan Katalinic, tried all they could to equalize, but it took them until 13 minutes from the end. when Hisham Zuahi rose high to head the ball home from an Ofer Talkar cross.

Beersheba 2, Beit She'an 0 Beersheba are fighting hard for a second-place finish and the only UEFA Cup spot awarded to Israel this year.

They made sure of not losing ground as they chase Hapoel Petah Tikva through goals hy Gadi Hazut, who hit a 30-meter free kick in the 52nd minute and Giovanni Rosso, who struck from

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# Low unemployment lifts dollar

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rallied Friday, overcoming early weakness after a Swiss central banker said he wasn't concerned about the eurrency's strength and the Labor Department reported the lowest US jobless rate in 24 years.

The combination of remarks by Swiss National Bank governing board member Bruno Gehrig and the healthy American employment data pushed the dollar to its highest weekly closing levels against the mark and yen this year.

Gehrig told reporters at an appearance in Switzerland that "I'm not worried about the high dollar at all." He also said Switzerland's own weak economy made it unlikely that interest rates there will rise anytime soon.

Traders said Gehrig's remarks surprised the market and caused a sharp selloff in the Swiss franc that led to weakness in most other eurrencies against the dollar, reversing its decline earlier in the day.

r in the day. "The Swiss thing kind of got the ball rolling," said Bob Houck, vice president for foreign

exchange at Norwest Bank Corp.
in Minneapolis. "Any time you see a comment for a stronger dollar, that's just kind of a green light to buy it." The pound initially fell then rebounded in the aftermath of the Labor Party's landslide victory over the incumbent Conservatives in Britain. The pound's comeback indirectly helped bolster the dollar against the Japanese and German currencies, but sterling ended slightly weaker vs. the dollar.

WALL STREET REPORT

# Budget plan boosts bonds

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average soared nearly 95 points Friday, coming within a few points of a new high, and bonds rose sharply on news of a plan to balance the federal budget.

The dollar rose with the British pound against the German mark as the pound recovered from a sell-off that followed a stunning victory by Britain's Labor Party in national elections.

The Dow gained 94.72 points, or 1.36 percent, to close at 7.071.20.

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Coffee (Jul) (LCE) 1670 -16

Brent crude oil (Juni)(IPE) 1797 -32

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For the week, it was up a record 332.33 points, which beat the old record of 312 points set in the week ending April 18.

In the broader market, advancing issues swamped declines 2,120 to 477 on heavy volume of 499 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

York Stock Exchange.

The blue-chip rally was more than matched by the Nasdaq Composite index, which posted its largest one-day point rise ever. The index jumped 34.83 to end at 1,305.33. The old high was set July 17, 1996, when it rose 33.18 points.

The marker racked up huge gaios this week on upbear corporate earnings and good reports on the economy.

It got off to a solid start Friday with the release of monthly jobs and wage data. The report showed a smaller-than-expected rise in payrolls and a drop in the average hourly wage, alleviating concerns about wage-driven inflation.

Clouding the issue for analysts, however, was a stunning decline in the nation's unemployment rate to 4.9 percent, the lowest level in 23 years.

"The market dodged a bullet with the jobs number," said Robert Froehlich, chief investment strategist at Kemper Funds.

"But the reality is, if you want to look at something that's going to cause a pre-emptive rate increase, it's unemployment below 5 percent."

The data, which reinforced the impression of an economy that is growing at a solid clip without sparking inflation, prompted a sharp advance in economically sensitive sectors like technology and transportation stocks.

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Investors held back from blue chips early in the session, checked by the surprise in the unemployment figures. That concern seemed to lift when news of the balanced budget deal broke in late afternoon trading.

#### WALL STREET WEEK

# Stocks moving on momentum

NEW YORK (AP) — There were encouraging tidbits to be mined from the past week's pile of economic data. They were buried among all those worrisome

But heaving a sigh of exhaustion after weeks and weeks of worry about inflation and interest rates, investors decided it was time to emphasize the positive.

The ensuing rally in stocks con-

tributed to the biggest weekly point gain for the Dow Jones industrial average in history and left it 14 points shy of its record high reached in March.

Some of the enthusiasm for stocks also came from word of a

deal in Washington late Friday to balance the federal budget by 2002, which over time could bless the economy with lower borrow-

ing costs.

But the stock rally was largely a momentum play, with many cashheavy portfolio managers jumping aboard simply because the market was rising. Aside from perceptions and stock prices, however, little has changed in a week,

After all, the only individual whose perception holds any real sway is Alan Greenspan, and the Federal Reserve chairman won't make his opinion known for several weeks, plenty of time for market doubt to sprout anew.

#### WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

# So far, so good for UK market under Labor

LONDON (Reuter) – Leading UK shares scaled new peaks, inspired by bullish Wall Street and shrugging off uncertainties created by the Labor Party's historic sweep to power. The benchmark index rose early 00, defying initial expectations for big drop, and then gathered pace in the final hours of the session as Wall Street leapt. The FTSE 100 index added 10.6 points to close at 4,455.6, rising 85.9 from last Friday.

FRANKFURT – German shares edge up to a higher close after a rangebound bourse session, dulled by the fact that many market participants are away after the May Day holiday, many dealers see mid-term trend positive, given firm dollar and barring major shocks on US economy. The DAN index closed up 22.30 points at 3.460.37, up 86.27 on the week. In post-bourse trade the DAN index stood at 3.491.08.

TOKYO – Tokyo stocks surged to close at a new high for 1997, lifted by institutional investors, mostly pension funds, seeking blue-chip issues. The 225-share Nikkei average rose 239.42 points or 1.24 percent to end at 19,514.75, rising 901.89 from last

week.
ZURICH – Swiss shares posted their third record session in a row and for the first time ended above

the important 4,900 point level in the blue-chip Swiss Market Index (SMI), the market took a positive view of a patch of U.S. economic data and this led to a further improvement in interest rate prospects. The Broad SPI index rose 32.82 points or 1.06 percent to end at 3,127.47, a rise of 102.85 on the week.



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18:00 Roseanne

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19:00 Documentary

20:00 The Central

Ceremony of Holocaust Martyrs

Remembrance Day live from Yad

20:50 The Saving

background of anti-semitism contrasted

with the behavior of

the Righteous Gentiles who saved

Jews during the

■ JORDAN TV (unconfirmed)

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Box 19:30 News

and Heroes'



The story of a Jewish school built on the ruins of the Lodz Ghetto in 1948 is portrayed in 'Ecole 27,' on the Family Channel at 9:20 p.m.

In commemoration of Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day, there will be no entertainment events listed.

#### TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Tonight, the eve of Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes Remembrance Day, all local Israeli television and cable channels are dedicating their entire programming to shows on the subject. Switch to any channel and you will find a documentary on a related topic through tomorrow

A second live follow-up broadcast of Lost Identity will be screened tomight at 5 on Channel 1, with the new information found on Jewish children who lost their identity during the World War II in Poland.

Louis Malle's masterpiece, Au Revoir Les Enfants, about the friendship between a Christian boy and a Jewish boy hiding in a Catholic school in Nazi-occupied France will be shown tonight at 10:20.



'To Speak the Unspeakable,' about the life of Elie Wiesel, appears on the Family Channel at 6:35 p.m.



#### **CRYPTIC CROSSWORD**

ACROSS

5A flier making childish complaint (6)

8 Contest that is boring people (4,4)

9 Dancer taking a step one way (7) 10 Several dined soundly (5)

11 Quiet technicians, but

they're champions (9)

13 Upset arising from greed

and corruption (8) 14 A supporter or two at the

riverside (6)

17 Decline to go back in a cab, begrudging the cost (3)
19 View as the bishop's

responsibility (3)

20 One needs u jacket for a dance (6)

23 Having arrived, turn back a worker—so high-handed

26 About to compose copy (9) 28 Doctor an animal and cover

29 Clothing-some cut quite

badly (7) 30 Cow the head into making

order (8)

31 Female college authority going to town (6)

DOWN

1 Unsatisfactory tip causing

disgust (6) 2 Pull the girl up-she's so

slow! (7) 3 By retaining a note help a claimant (9)

4 Husband's difficulty (6) 5 Experiment underground in some laboratory (4,4)

6 Gathers pears possibly (5) 7 Beam in support but strand with little hesitation (8) 12 Notice duck can give

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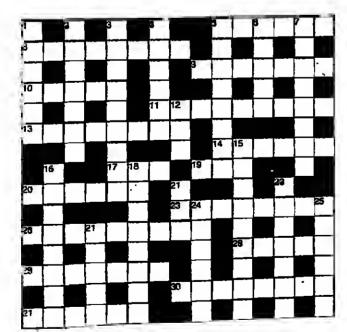
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21 Bag some shares-act quickly (3)

22 A person with lots of time runs (7)

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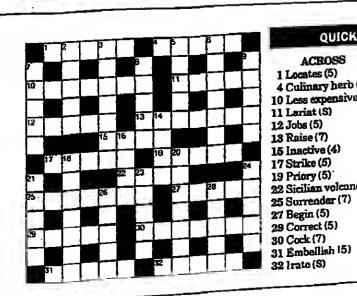
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#### QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Locates (5) 4 Culinary herb (5) 10 Less expensive (7)

11 Lariat (S) 12 Jobs (5) 13 Raise (7) 15 lnactive (4) 17 Strike (5) 19 Priory (5) 22 Sicilian volcano (4) 25 Surrender (7) 27 Begin (5) 29 Correct (5) 30 Cock (7)

DOWN 2 Notions (5) 3 Set down (7) S Bisect (5) 6 Rub (7)

7 Intense (S) 8 Merciless (5) 9 Cash (5) 14 Svelte (4) 16 Action (4). 18 Coped (7) 20 Woodwind instrument (7) 21 Twenty (5) 23 Rips (5) 24 Gaze (5)

26 Consumer (S)

28 Following (5)

E CHANNEL 1 8:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Time

**EDUCATIONAL** 

7:00 Good Morning

8:00 Herzi and Zionism 8:30 Destinos 9:00 Geography 9:20 Nature 9:30 English 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 Social

Sciences 19:45 Arithmetic 22:20 Au Revoir Les Enlants (French, 1987) - based on incidents from the director Louis Malle's 11:10 English 12:00 Mathemati 12:30 Social Sciences 13:00 In the Heat of childhood, when the headmaster of a Catholic boarding the Night 14:00 Surprise Train 14:20 Kitty Cat and school hid some Jewish children trom the Nazis In occupied France. With Gaspard Manese. Directed by Louis

14:35 Quentin Quack 15:00 Pretty Butterfly CHANNEL 1

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16:00 Paraclise
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opera first performed
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imagines herself as
one of those children,
struggling to survive
16:59 A New
Evening

Evening 17:34 Zappy Improvisation 18:15 News in English ARABIC

PROGRAMS 18:39 Designing Nature – docume tary series on gar-dens around the 19:00 News in Arabic HEBREW

PROGRAMS 19:30 News 20:00 The Central Ceremony of Holocaust Martyrs' Remembrance Day -

opera

12:30 Central

Message 13:00 Love Worth

Finding 14:00 This Is Your

15:00 in Touch

16:00 Snowy River 18:55 America's

17:20 The A-Team 18:10 Hunter

19:00 Lou Grant 20:00 Remington

21:00 Hill Street

22:00 Beach Patrol

23:00 Land's End

00:00 Love

live from Yad Vashem 21:00 Lost Identity (1997) — Jewish children handed over to Gentiles for safe-keeping during tha Holocaust are today seeking their true identities, in the fortpicht since the first night since the first broadcast of this pro-gram both here and in Poland, new intormation has come to light that may help these adults find out

who they really are. 22:00 | Want to Remember, He Wants to Forget (1997) - a Macedonian Jew who lived out WWII in a small village in the Albanian mountains

by posing as a Mostern doctor returns to the village 50 years later with his son and rev

his secret. 23:00 News 23:10 Wall of Silence (German, 1995) -

(German, 1995) —
documentary about
the massacre of the
Jewish community of
Racznic, on the
Austro-Hungarian
border, 10 days
before the end of
wWil. The attempt of
the local Jewish community to locate the
mass grave arouses
the lears of the people of Racznic, who
would prefer to forget
it all. Directed by
Margareta Heinrich
and Eduard Eme.
00:10 A Look at Yad
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CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's proorans
6:30 Johnny Quest
6:55 This Morning
9:00 This Morning with Rivia Michaell
9:55 Senora
10:45 Dynasty (rpf)
11:40 Yaron
London's Perliament
12:30 Genie and the
Captain

Captain
13:00 Kate and Ellie
13:30 SporTV
14:00 The Kids of
Degrassi Street
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The 15:28 Madison

CABLE

16:15 Weekly Column 16:15 Good Neighbors 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 News in

20:00 News 21:00 Sophie's Choice (1982) – dis-turbing drama about a Holocaust survivor living in New York in 1947, who must justify her existence to herself and to he dead children. Oscarwinning performance from Meryl Streep. Also with Kevin Kline.

Directed by Alan J. Pakula 23:30 Drancy: A Concentration Camp - documentary about the French concen-

tration camp from which 74,500 women and children were sent to Auschwitz

■ ETV 2 (23) 15:30 All Together Now 16:00 The Heart of Things 16:30 Possible World

17:00 Zombit 17:30 Hi-Tech Culture 18:00 Cybernews 18:30 Media File 19:00 Herzl and Zionism 19:30 The Story of a House - after WWII, 13:00 New in the Cinema 13:15 Goodtime

Outlaws (1978) -comedy about two incompetent cowboys who are fired and decide to realize their dream of getting into showbiz
14:45 The Face on the Milk Carton (1995) – a teenager recognizes her picture on a milk carton and thus discovers that she is not living with her real parents. With Kelly Martin and Jill Clayburgh 18:15 New in the Chema dream of getting into

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monasteries were brought to the village of Salvino in the Italian Alps to recover 20:30 Who Counted Them? – documeri lary about the fate of Romanian Jewry 21:10 | Was Not an Orphan - documen-Orphan – documentary about the wartime experiences of psychologist Prof. Shlomo Breznitz, who was hidden in a Slovaldan monastery 21:45 Le Petit Comment (French Comment (Fren Garçon (French) – drama about a French tamily hiding Jews during WWII and the love affair between their son and one of the hid-■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

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14:00 Holy Koran 14:05 Johnny Quest 14:30 Problem Child 15:00 French pro-14:50 Days of Our Lives
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(1982) - American initiative in face of Holocaust deniers in the US with testimonies and historical facts. Narrated by Orson Welles and Elizabeth Taylor
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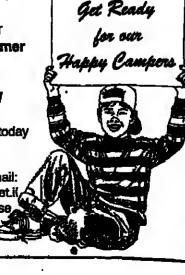
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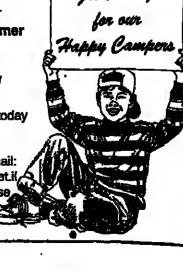
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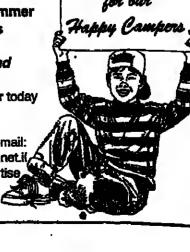
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#### Israel, Czech Republic jointly Issue stamps

Two stamps depicting Jewish sites in Prague have been issued by Israel and the Czech Republic. The ceremony marking the event, attended by Communications Minister Limor Livnat, Czech Ambassador Jiri Schneider, Postal Authority chairman Amos Mar-Haim and authority director-general Moshe Tery, was held at the Eretz Yisrael Museum in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

One stamp shows the interior of the Almeuschul synagogue, built in 1270, while the other shows the tombstone of Rabbi Judah Loew, the Maharal of Prague. The Israeli stamps sell for NIS 1.70; the Czech stamp of the Maharal's tomb is denominated at 10 crowns and the Altneuschul starup at 8 crowns.

#### '30% of Israelis have unsuitable gas masks'

Thirty percent of residents do not have effective gas masks, Adi Eldar, chairman of the Union of Local Anthorities, said on Friday. He said part of the problem is that the local stations replacing out-of-date gas masks are not operating effectively. Eldar said that in light of reports that Syria is continuing to equip itself with non-conventional weapons, the government must make home front defense a higher priority.

#### Soldier killed by stray bullet

A soldier, 20, from Kibbutz Sha'ar Ha'amakim, was killed early Friday morning on the kibbutz by a stray bullet fired by his friend, Ro'i Regev, 19, who was handling the soldier's gun. Regev, who was remanded in Lebanon by a roadside bomb in late January, was remanded for seven days by Haifa Magistrate's Court on Friday.

The soldier had come to visit Regev, his neighbor oo the kibbutz, while on leave from the army. While handling the M-16, Regev accidentally shot his friend in the neck. He was declared dead at the scene by Magen David Adom personnel.

#### Abu Marzook gives up US residency permit

Hamas leader Moussa Abu Marzook has given up his US residency, setting the stage for his deportation to Jordan, a senior Hamas official said yesterday.

Negotiations between Abu Marzonk's lawyers and US offiials have ended and we expect him to arrive in Jordan anytime," said Mohammed Nazzal, a Hamas representative to

Earlier, Israel dropped its request for his extradition as a suspect in 10 terrorist attacks from 1990 to 1994 that killed 47 peo-

#### Winning cards

The winning cards in Friday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance drawing were the king of spades, the eight of hearts, the nine of diamonds, and the eight of clubs.

### US: No evidence Arafat knew of World Trade Center bombing

a Jerusalem Post report alleging Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat knew in advance of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, citing a lack of evidence to back up the claim.

In a letter sent to Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter last week, Assistant Attorney-General Andrew Fois said the department "is unaware of any information that Yasser Arafat either had prior knowledge of the bomhing of the World Trade Center or was in any way involved in the conspiracy to

bomb the building."
The Justice Department also asked Israeli officials about Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled's claims of Israel's knowledge of Arafat's involvement, and "they [the Israelis] deny the accuracy of the statements attributed" to Peled, Fois wrote.

Specter wrote to Attorney-General Janet Reno last month

asking her to investigate the claims contained in the March 26 WASHINGTON - The US Jerusalem Post lead story. In the chairman of the Senate select committee on intelligence.

A senior American official said Friday that the US never put any credence in the news report and has seen no intelligence indicating Arafat was in any way involved in the plot.

Peled as saying Arafat "was part of the discussions on the [World Trade Center bombing] operation," and calling on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "to give the information to the Americans, so they'll know who they're dealing with.'

relayed by intelligence sources that, several days before the February 26, 1993 bombing, Arafat met with Sudanese and Islamie terrorist leaders who dis-

be reached for comment last night.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gestures for Turkish Defense Minister Turhan Tayan to take a seat for their meeting Friday. (Reuse)

# Report: Israel gave Turkey data on the MiG-29

Israel has shared with Turkey secret information about MiG-29 warplanes, the type used by Syria's air force, a Turkish newspaper said yes-

Turkey's Defense Minister Turhan Tayan denied the report. There is no such thing," Tayan told a news

conference a day after returning from Israel.
"We even did not mention a MiG." Israel Aircraft Industries is apgrading 54 Turkish F-4

Turkish Deputy Chief of General Staff Gen. Cevik Bir is to arrive here today for further talks on cooperation in the military field, Tayan

According to the daily Hurriyet, the data will be incorporated into the planes' electronic war29s more easily.

Hurriyet said Israeli experts received the

informating on the Russian-made MiG-29s from a Western country, reportedly Germany.

Turkey and Israel have bolstered defense ties with a series of cooperation agreements, includ-ing a joint military training agreement heavily criticized by Iran and Arab countries.

The \$632.5 million F-4 upgrading project began two months ago.

Tayan said Israel may also bid for a modernizing project for 48 Turkish F-5 warplanes. Tayan held talks with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Friday.

"Our meeting represents the rightening cooperatioo between Israel and Turkey in all realms and foremost in the security realm," Netanyahu was quoted by his office as saying.

Tayan said be hopes Turkey's good relations with Israel will contribute to peace in the

Tayan arrived here last Wednesday on a visit seen as a further hlow to the prestige of Turkey's Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, who won elections 16 months ago partly on a

promise to cut military ties with Israel.

There is room for additional cooperation primarily in the economic and security realm, such as the fight against terrorism and the preserva-tion of stability in the region," Netanyahu was quoted as saying at the start of his talks with

Turkey and Israel have signed defense conperation pacts, which drew an angry response from Iran and many Arab countries. IAF planes have flown training flights in Turkey under the

storm in 30 years hit the country, and 18 people died in accidents, ranging from fallen trees to collapsed walls. Another sandstorm hiew in from the Libyan desert yesterday, blinding drivers and killing at least four people in

over 100 kilometers per hour.

mulberry tree in his fields. "I thought it was the Day of

The storm disrupted air traffic at Cairo International Airport and

about an hour. In yesterday's storm, the winds hlew sand through Sohag, a provincial town 390 kilometers

south of Cairo. A police officer was killed when his car overturned. Elsewhere in the city, two cars collided on a

### Israeli, US researchers challenge AIDS infection theory

By JUDY SIEGEL

An Israeli-American research team has challenged an influential US AIDS researcher and proposed a provocative new scenario of T-cell activity in HIV infec-

The analysis, by Prof. Zvi The Post report had quoted Grossman - a senior lecturer in physiology and pharmacology at Tel Aviv University and an adjunct professor of biostatistics at the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Rooald Herberman of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, was published in the

May I issue of Nature Medicine. Peled confirmed information The new analysis, which could suggest oew methods of treatment of AIDS, stresses several novel aspects of HIV infection, includiog a distinct adaptive response to the virus of the body's immuoe system, which Peled, who is abroad, could not makes many CD4 T lymphocytes, the most vulnerable target, vari-

Grossman and Herberman also suggest that cell types other than

CD4 cells play a major role in sustaining the infection, not only as additional HIV reservoirs but as part of the primary mechanism of HIV transmission among cells. The two scientists challenge the "falling homeostasis" model proposed by Dr. David Ho, who was Time magazine's "Man of the

Year" for 1996. Ho's theory was developed in 1995, when antiviral drugs were effectively used to block continued HIV infection of cells in patients; Ho explained the subsequent rise of CD4 cells as existing before the treatment and that after treatment, it exceeded cell loss. Based on this interpretatinn, scientists estimated a rapid turnover rate of CD4 cells before

treatment. But Grossman and Herberman claim the reasoning behind "falling homeostasis" is unsound, in that the turnover of CD4 cells need not be considered unusual. This reflects an adaptive response, they wrote, rather than simply being the result of cell

### Regional radio pans IBA competition

Defending its turf, the Second (STRA) has complained to the Prime Minister's Office, requesting the immediate closure of Kol Hanegev (106.3FM), which it terms a pirate regional radio station. The station operates with help from the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

STRA general manager Nahman Shai said that the station represents "a severe hlow to the commercial regional radin network, which the law charged us to estab-

Shai further said that Kol Hanegev, which is operated out of the Sha'ar Hanegev regional school and college, will cut into the income and audience share of the STRA's Radio Darom, which serves the northern Negev.

"It is really idiotic to suggest that we are threatening anybody in any way," said Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council head Shai Hermesh, "and if it arouses Nahman Sbai's jealousy, so be it."

The council funds the station, which is part of the college's communications degree program, but we also have classes for fourth and fifth graders, all the way up to

# 12th grade," said Hermesh.

The station's transmitters and frequency come from the IBA. It school hours; during other times, the frequency is used by Israel Radio's Reshet Bet. It is purely an educational tool,

Hermesh insisted. It has oo advertising "and its quarter-kilowatt transmitter gives it a 20-30 kilometer radius. Some threat!" Kol Hanegev is one of four

such stations approved three years ago hy former communications mioister Shulamit Aloni whn bought our idea of educational radio on the periphery," Hermesh said. But Radin Darom general man-

ager Danny Yosub said that "the IBA has disguised the station as an educational tool." Since it opened in January 1996, Radin Darom has garnered 18% of the listening dience and its advertising slots -216 minutes per 24 hours - are

This is not the first time that STRA has clashed with the IBA. It contends that the IBA-operated commercial stations Kol Haderech in the Dan region and Hagal Habatuah in the North contravene the spirit, if not the letter, of the



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# **Sandstorms** in Egypt kill 22

CAIRO - At least 22 people, including a three-year-old child, died when sandstorms hit Egypt over the weekend.

On Friday, the strongest sandsouthern Egypt.

Both storms packed winds of According to an Interior

were affected by Friday's storm, which sparked fires by downing electricity cables and ripped street billboards off their posts. A farmer was crushed by a fallen

Judgment," an old man told the Egyptian newspaper Akhbar al-

plunged Cairo into darkness for

highway, killing three people and injuring two, police said. Fourteen people were injured in Sohag by falling trees, electricity pylons and other heavy objects, police said.

The winds forced flights to divert from the airport in Luxor, one of Egypt's top tourist destinations, about 115 kilometers south of Sohag.

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